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**ANTI-ISRAEL ONLY INDIRECTLY** — These Palestinian youths, the hooded one in the center wielding an axe, are demonstrating against the U.S. in Nablus. The flags shown are in support of Iraq and President Saddam Hussein.



**THE MACCABI IS ON** — Two Detroit youngsters, Ari Nessel, left, and Robert Kamins, lit the torch opening the North American Youth Maccabi Games in Detroit, in which some 2000 athletes, even a team from the USSR, are competing. Scene of the opening ceremonies was the Palace of Auburn Hills.

## Israel in background, but major player yet

**NEW YORK** — Although Israel seems to be taking a back seat in the developing conflagration in her part of the world, yet she inevitably figures in the reasoning of the pundits who seek to define her role, if any.

Syndicate columnist Mona Charen put it this way: "If in the next several weeks, Saddam moves against Israel, the coalition (the U.S. and most Arab states) would explode. Though the current gulf crisis has nothing whatever to do with the Arab-Israeli dispute, Saddam could by pressing this ever-sensitive emotional button of his neighbors, make it so. The Arabs haven't fallen for all of his nonsense. Saddam couldn't convince his Arab brothers (except the Palestinians) that he had invaded Kuwait for the glory of pan-Arabism. Nor was he persuasive when he called for a Holy War against the West. They recall too well that his war against Iran was sold as a crusade for secularism.

"But a jihad against Israel would be near impossible for the Arabs to resist. The seizure of Kuwait would then be retroactively justified as a fueling stop on the way to Tel Aviv — and thoughts of stopping Saddam would melt like ice."

Jeanne Kirkpatrick in her column took a broader view. In her syndicated column she wrote that "One need not be a pessimist to see that a major Gulf war would be profoundly destabilizing for the fragile regimes of the Middle East and dangerous for Israel."

A.M. Rosenthal in his column on the op-ed page of The New York Times wrote:

"Hypocrisy is a hard addiction to quit. Now U.S. diplomacy pretends Israel does not exist. But the whole world knows that if necessary the U.S. will rely on Israel as a critical, steadfast reserve of power in the Middle East war."

Continuing, he said, "In sanity, American political goals should be to reverse the long, self-destructive policy of strengthening Middle Eastern tyrannies with money, weapons, political support and tolerance of domestic oppression. That would mean instructing U.S. information agencies to tell the truth about Middle Eastern tyrannies as they did about communist dictatorships. It would mean the State Department and the White House telling the Arab world that the continuous danger to peace in the Middle East is not Israel but Arab dictatorships, their feuds and greed."

## BOUQUET OF THE WEEK

### Memo to Marer Flower Shop Send this week's bouquet to **Donald Fisher**

Every summer some 50 youngsters who attend the 10-week summer program at Brightwood Community Center in northeast Indianapolis get a free trip to Chicago, Washington, D.C. or Nashville. They visit cultural and educational sites, meet government leaders, and have some fun, too. They never have to worry about transportation, food or hotel costs. These are paid by Donald Fisher, who is receiving our bouquet of the week.

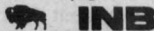
Fisher, 57, owns a store near the Center. Cash Bargain Center Inc., sells discounted clothing. The store has been in the family for three generations. Originally it was



Donald Fisher operated as Cohen Brothers, a dry goods store.

Perhaps it is this long-time association that prompted Fisher to join the Center's board of directors six years ago and to finance the trips for the past 12 years.

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## Classes resume at BJE, HAI, synagogue Sunday schools

Enrollment is up at the Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis where school started Thursday, Aug. 23, for approximately 255 primary students. Early childhood pupils started Monday, Aug. 27.

The Bureau of Jewish Education classes opened Monday for students from kindergarten through junior high school. Pre-schoolers will start Sept. 5.

The BJE high school and adult classes will begin Oct. 15. The Mekhinah program, for first, second and third graders, will begin Oct. 17.

The Hebrew Academy, which won a U.S. Department of Education award as a School of Excellence last year, has 31 Russian immigrants among the 35 to 40 new pupils this fall.

The Academy has hired several new teachers, including an Israeli teaching couple. Anat Baruchi teaches grade three Hebrew and Zeev Baruchi teaches grade five and seven Hebrew.

Also, Sharon Dorman, Dana Geller and Karen Johnson will teach early childhood classes. Other new teachers are: Irit Erez-Bouki, special Hebrew tutor; Phyllis Russell, grade one English; Laura Pierce, gym; and Diane Anderson, special English tutor.

The BJE expects to enroll a total of 325 in all its programs, with 200 in the program leading to bar mitzvah and bat mitzvah.

BJE Director Itzhak Barmor hopes to increase the number of students in the Mekhinah program, which was started last year for children in grades one, two and three. The purpose is to continue Hebrew and Judaic education that was introduced in kindergarten. Public school students usually don't have Hebrew again until they are in grade four.

"Our main goal is that they love Hebrew," Barmor said. "We have a very relaxing setting."

Last year nine students enrolled in the Mekhinah class. Barmor said it will take time to build the program.

New staff at the BJE are Judy Waller, music; Andrea Carroll, dance; Irit Mendelsohn, bar mitzvah education; Deborah Bruckheimer, director of special pre-school program; and teaching assistants Deborah Duchman and Elise Modesitt.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
classes at both Beth-El Zedeck and the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation begin Sept. 9. Beth-El classes are 9 a.m. for kindergarten through grade five and 11:15 a.m. for grades six through 10.

At IHC, class starts 9 a.m. for kindergarten through grade four and 11 a.m. for grades five through seven. Class is held 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays for pupils in grades eight, nine and 10 starting Sept. 5.

## SYNAGOGUES

The weekly portion is *Kee Tetzze, Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19*. The *Haftarah* is *Isaiah 54:1-10*.

### BETH-EL ZEDECK

Services will be led by Rabbis Dennis and Sandy Sasso and Cantor Ray Edgar at 6:00 p.m. Friday and 10:00 a.m. and 6:45 p.m. Saturday.

### B'NAI TORAH

Services will be led by Rabbi Reuven Shechter at 6:45 p.m. Friday and 9:00 a.m. Saturday, with Saturday evening services at 6:50 p.m.

### ETZ CHAIM

Services will be led by Rabbi Shlomo Mashraky at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

### INDIANAPOLIS HEBREW CONGREGATION

Services will be led by Rabbis Jonathan Stein and Cantor Janice Roger at 5:45 p.m. Friday and on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Torah study at 9:15 a.m. Saturday. Amy Rockafellow will become bat mitzvah.

### UNITED ORTHODOX HEBREW CONGREGATION

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## Fall women's meetings feature top speakers

Indianapolis residents will have a chance to hear two nationally prominent women speak this fall as Jewish women's and men's organizations hold opening meetings of the new year.

Ruth Popkin will speak about the effects of Soviet Jews immigrating to Israel at the opening dinner meeting of the Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 4, at the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Popkin chairs the Hadassah Medical Organization, a system of medical facilities, research and teaching institutions based in Israel.

She is the immediate past president of national Hadassah and in 1987 became the first woman president of the World Zionist Organization. Currently, she is national president of the Jewish National Fund; co-treasurer of the World Jewish Congress; and vice-president of the American Zionist Youth Foundation.

Popkin has visited Israel many times and was in the Soviet Union in 1966 and 1988. The National Hadassah is gearing up to help with education, medical services and social services to the Russian immigrants in Israel.

The sisterhood of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation will feature Delores Wilkenfeld, North American chairman for the World Union for Progressive Judaism, at its opening luncheon at 11:30 a.m., Sept. 10, at the temple.

Wilkenfeld is the immediate past president of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

The theme of the luncheon is "One People, One Heart" a personal account of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. This organization is the international branch of the Reform movement. It supports congregations, rabbis, prayer book publication, and youth movements around the world. It is working to develop a viable Progressive Jewish Community in Russia and to ensure the rights of non-Orthodox Jews in Israel.

The Indianapolis Section of the National Council of Jewish Women will feature recent and former Russian immigrants and the Family Circle volunteers who helped them adjust at a Sept. 16 reception and dinner



Ruth Popkin

at the Omni Severin Hotel, starting 6 p.m.

The event is a way of celebrating the success of the program, which was started by the Indianapolis Section in 1977 as a way of helping the Russians adjust and acculturate to American life.

Other opening programs are:

B'nai Torah Sisterhood, 7:30 p.m., Aug. 29, Lion's Gate Apartments clubhouse. Meeting features a fashion show from The Company Store.

Greater Indianapolis Council of ORT (Organization for Rehabilitation and Training), 7:30 p.m., Sept. 5. Paid-up membership program featuring Diane Willis of WRTV, Channel 6, who will speak on "Women's Issues of the 90's."

Congregation Beth-El Zedek Sisterhood, 11 a.m., Sept. 10. Opening luncheon at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis. "Shooting for the Stars" features museum tour.

Etz Chaim Sisterhood, opening meeting 6 p.m., Sept. 11, at Shapiro's at 86th and Ditch Road. Reports from the recent national convention.

Hooverwood Guild, 11:30 a.m., Sept. 13, at Broadmoor Country Club. Luncheon and style show by Davidson's of Glendale includes raffle and is a major fundraiser open to the community.

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation Brotherhood, 9 a.m., Sept. 16, opening brunch at the temple.

B'nai Brith Women, #324. The opening program is 7:30 p.m., Oct. 23. The speaker and location undetermined.

## New associate rabbi at IHC

By NEILA POMERANTZ

Rabbi Laurence Milder of Boston has been hired by the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation to replace Rabbi Bradd Boxman, who left this month to lead a congregation in St. Thomas.

Milder, 34, will arrive in Indianapolis on Sept. 4 with his wife Janet and will participate in the High Holy Days services. As associate rabbi, he will assist Rabbi Jonathan Stein in his duties and will be involved with many of the temple's youth activities.

"I, for one, think he will bring a whole new dimension to the temple," said Earle Peachin, president of the temple board of directors. "We have had a long series of thought-provoking clergy and I think Rabbi Milder will be one of them."

Milder was born and raised in St. Louis, where his family still lives. He was trained at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion and was ordained in 1983. He is completing his doctoral degree at Brandeis University, concentrating on the sociology of the American Jewish community.

Milder has a varied background, emphasizing work with youth and music. After his ordination, Milder was director of social action for the UAHC Northeast Council and rabbi for High Holy Days at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Boston University Hillel Foundations. He also was adult study guide editor of Moment magazine and a teacher on the staff at Temple Israel in Boston.

He was rabbinic advisor to the Jersey Federation of Temple Youth and youth advisor at Temple Sinai of Bergen County. He was director of education and program specialist at UAHC Harlam Camp Institute in Pennsylvania.

Rabbi Milder is a musician and guitarist. He was director of the Song Leaders Training Institute and a song leader for the National Federation of Temple Youth. He played in several Jewish bands in the Boston area.

As a student, he received the Rabbi Harold H. Gordon Memorial Prize for Academic Excellence, the Mrs. Arthur Hays Sulzberger Prize of Excellence in Homeletics and Speech, the Aaron Wise Scholarship for Academic Excellence and Prize for Hebrew Excellence.

He has published in magazines and scholarly journals. His thesis for his master of arts degree in Hebrew Literature was "War in Rabbinic Literature." His doctoral dissertation is titled "Generation, denomination and religious behavior among American Jews."

Milder signed a letter of agreement to serve two years with an optional third year.

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## I HEARD IT ON TUESDAY

# Golden memories and global ganderings

By GISELA WEISZ  
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**GREAT CELEBRATION:**  
The captain announced their 50th wedding anniversary on



the airplane as they flew toward their destination. All the passengers applauded and congratulated the Kaseffs. Their children's present to Pauline and Louis Kaseff was a Caribbean loveboat cruise preceding the big celebration this month. They sat at the captain's table and the ship's rabbi honored them for their golden wedding anniversary

during the Friday night service on the ship.

Guests came to Indianapolis from Kansas City, Milwaukee, Chicago, Washington, D.C., Coral Gables, Fla.; Davie, Fla., and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

Events marking the anniversary included a special service at Beth El-Zedeck. Their daughter, who lives in Northbrook, Ill., and who just returned from a trip to Israel, brought Louis a beautiful tallit and that tallit was held over the head of the golden couple by their children and grandchildren, while Rabbi Sasso recited the blessings. Jerri Lynn, Larry Kaseff, Roger Smith, Rochetta Kaseff and grandchildren Adam 15, Jodi 15, Brent 19 and Ben 19, all helped to hold the prayer shawl aloft. Rabbi Sasso honored Louis — who also celebrated a special birthday that

weekend — by giving him the honor to recite the Mafter in the service.

At brunch, many speeches kept the 70 guests enthralled at the Broadmoor Country Club. For the Saturday night cook-out, Rachetta and Larry had a tent spread over their back yard, where guests enjoyed good food and music by a strolling guitarist. Sunday morning at Marten Manor, Pauline and Louis hosted a brunch for the out-of-town guests; and Sunday night Ida and Gerhardt Oakley entertained with dinner at the Holyhock Restaurant to honor the Kaseffs. Congratulations!

**TOUR:** Amy Friedlander and Mike Feiwell have returned from a month-long European tour. They used all kind of transportation on the continent, but mostly buses, they said. "People are warm and friendly most of the places," said Amy.

**VISITORS:** Israeli residents Stuart, Tali, Yael and Yuval Mirkin, from Beersheva visited his parents Lila and Art Mirkin during the summer. Together the family made a motor tour and visited relatives in Rochester, N.Y.

**....YEARS YOUNG:** It was a repeat performance. Five years ago Deedle and Howard Kahn and Shirley and Herb Backer invited guys who in that year celebrated their 70th birthday, to attend with their wives. This year, the Kahns and the Backers did it again. The fellows all are hale and hearty (little creaks in the joints here and there do not count, right?) and together once again gathered at the Kahns for hors d'oeuvres and at the Backers for dinner.

Guests told of shared experiences, exchanged reminiscences, recounted episodes of trips taken, compared opinions, and of course everyone congratulated the 75-year-olds!

Sharing the two parties on Aug. 17, were hosts Shirley and Herb Backer, Deedle and Howard Kahn and guests: Rachel and Sig Beck, Betty and Gene Friedman, Anita and David Silver, Inda and Milt Singer and Gisela and Zoltan Weisz.

**WHERE IS THE BIRDIE?:**

Early August, Rene and Mason Goodman and two of their children, Jessica and Eric, returned from Aspen, Colo. Mason participated in the Danny Sullivan Charity Golf Tournament and the rest of the family enjoyed the scenery and the peacefulness of the country.

**GREAT EXPERIENCE:**

Rena and Larry Ettinger have returned from Israel. They toured the country and as Rena says, there was no tourist spot they didn't visit. Even the 108 degree heat did not deter them from going to the city of Beersheva. They had a very knowledgeable driver-guide and he showed them Israel at its best. The Ettingers' most memorable experience was the Friday night Shabbat service at the Jerusalem Great Synagogue. Rena says, the

service had a cantor so phenomenal that to hear him was the highlight of the entire trip! "It is an occasion everyone should experience!" she said.

On different occasions in Jerusalem they unexpectedly met Josh Hasten and Jerry Drexler. One of the boys was there from the Hebrew Academy group and the other with the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation tour. They were most pleased with their hotel, the Windmill, which was a few blocks from the Wall, and from the King David Hotel. They could walk anywhere from the hotel, and that was worth a great deal to them.

Also the Ettingers observed the heroic struggle of the Israelis and their tremendous effort exerted in absorbing the influx of the newly arriving Russian immigrants — 20,000 a month.

## Susan Goldstein, Hillel Horovitz

Susan Goldstein, daughter of Harry and Nora Goldstein, was married to Hillel Horovitz on Sunday, Aug. 19 at Congregation B'nai Torah.

The ceremony was officiated by the bridegroom's father, Rabbi Meyer Horovitz, and Rabbi Reuven Schechter of B'nai Torah. Rabbi Horovitz and his wife, Betty, are from Toronto.

The bridal party included the couple's brothers and sisters and their children: Mark and Effie Goldstein and family; David Goldstein; Lisa and Rabbi Bruce Kermaier and family; Abba Horovitz; and Aviva and Shimshon Baum and family. A reception was held at the Hebrew Academy of Indianapolis. Relatives attended from several states,



Susan Goldstein  
Canada and Israel.

The couple will reside in New York. Susan, a graduate of North Central High School, is completing a master's degree in physical therapy at Columbia University. Hillel teaches in a day school in New Jersey.

## Feast to honor 12 presidents

A gala dinner will be held on Sunday, Oct. 21, to honor the past 12 presidents of Congregation B'nai Torah. They are: Jim Atlas, Albert Fischel, David Fogle, Sheldon Fried-

man, Hart N. Hasten, Mark Hasten, Mae Levin, Darrel Mandel, Marvin Mitchell, Sid Sakowitz, Sidney Stein and Marshall Yovits.

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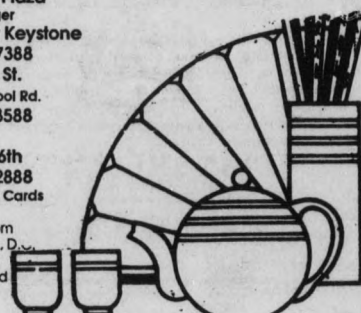
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# NORM WEISMAN

FLASH! Chuckles. The president going to his oval office is like a man entering an antique shop. They're both afraid to ask, "What's



New?".....AND.....Do you realize that there are over 20 million working wives in this country? I mean, daytime TV can't be that bad.....AND.....The fellow went home with a couple of bridge lamps (lumps?) His wife gave them to him because he trumped her ace (a bridge crime).....AND.....Chess is a game at which people sit for hours, staring ahead and not moving a muscle. We have the same thing in Washington, only it's called "civil service."

FLASH! Congrats to Helene Meshulam (Jack/Ruth) who tied the knot with Walter Roach of Franklin on Sunday, Aug. 29 at the Broadmoor. Helene is the buyer of the Cracker Barrel Gift Shop and Walter is a teacher at Center Grove High. Lots of good luck to the newlyweds.

FLASH! 'Tis the life. Laura and I just returned from a Caribbean cruise to the Bahamas. This was a gift from our son, Sandy, for Laura's and my birthdays, coming up soon. Our best gift was that Sandy accompanied us. It was our first venture on a floating hotel (1700 passengers) and we enjoyed the islands, the scrumptious food, the many activities (even horse-racing) the casino, meeting new companions daily and sunning at the pool. Had a delightful group at our dining table, from all parts of the states and we enjoyed each other's company. Terrific entertainment, with singers, dancers and great comedians — and a magician. Visited the islands of Nassau and Freeport, and it

was so hot on the islands that I saw a dog chasing a cat and they both were walking. I recommend a cruise to all.

FLASH! A tee hee or two. I won't say where all the money we send to Washington is going — but they just sent out for six more drains.....OR.....The guy was saying, "The boss won't let me make any personal calls at work, and my wife and daughter won't let me make them at home."

FLASH! Believe it or not. In my column of June 27 I wrote about the great 50th reunion of the 1940 graduating class of School PS 66. I also wrote that the searching committee had never found the present whereabouts of Crucile (Nathanson) Oleinick and asked if one of my readers would know where to contact her. Thanks Bernice Shabler, who is related to Crucile, for advising Dr. Jerry Abrams that she resides in West Bloomfield, Mich. She certainly will be invited to attend the 55th reunion in 1995.

FLASH! Jest for laughs. A music store calls itself "Moby-Dick" — a Whale of a Record Store.....OR.....A sign in Miami — A Mexican-Jewish Deli calls itself "Casa-Hadassah".....OR.....The easiest way to make your car sound better is to price the new ones.....OR.....A minister who published a problem solving column in his church paper calls it "Dear Abbot".....OR.....A bank stickup was listed in the bank's records as "Unauthorized withdrawal."

FLASH! Surprise-Surprise. And Rae Lea Lipken was thrilled to be surprised at a lovely dinner party for her special birthday. Hosting this culinary delight were Rae's sister, Shirlee Schuchman, and her two daughters; Bennie and Al Silver and Donna/Jay Broder and their little Heather of Louisville. The scene of action was at the lovely new home of Bennie/Al Silver. Happy birthday, Rae Lea.

FLASH! I love this. A father

took his young son to the opera to introduce him to a bit of culture. The conductor waved his baton and the soprano began to sing. After a few minutes the youngster said to his dad, "Why is the conductor hitting her with his stick?" The father smiled and said, "He's not hitting her," and the boy asked "Then why is she screaming?"

FLASH! Our own Richard Glazier, heralded pianist, will perform in a solo piano recital on Sunday, Sept. 9, 2 p.m., at the JCC. Richard has received many awards and scholarships both in the States and abroad. A reception will follow.

FLASH! A reminder. The B'nai B'rith Sunday Morning Bowling League starts on Sept. 9 at Woodland, 10 a.m. Also the Beth-El Zedeck Men's Club Bowling League starts on Monday evening, Sept. 10, 8:30 p.m., at the 421 Bowl. Bowlers are needed in both leagues. Join and enjoy.

FLASH! Enjoy a laff. An outraged tenant complained to the landlord, "My roof is leaking; rain is coming through the broken windows; and the floors are flooded. How long is it going to continue?" The landlord replied, "How do I know? I'm no weather man."

FLASH! Mazel Tov to Lou and Pauline Kassef who celebrated their 50th anniversary and Lou's 80th birthday at a double simcha on Saturday, Aug. 11. The celebrations started at Beth El Zedeck services in the morning and on to Broadmoor for a most delicious brunch. Their 50th occurred last December, when they enjoyed a lovely week cruise in the Caribbean as a gift from their children. But they wanted all their family and friends to celebrate with them, and had this lovely double-affair now, in good weather. Lou and Pauline — may you both enjoy many more wonderful anniversaries and birthdays with your loved ones.

FLASH! Surprise. Surprise. And it was a lovely sur-

prise birthday party for Phyllis Ackerman on Friday, Aug. 10, given at the home of brother, Moe, and Judi. Many family members and friends gathered to eat birthday cake. And since it was also Phyllis' husband Warren's birthday — did you get to blow out the candles too?

FLASH! Eve said, "You know, Adam, you should take more pride in your appearance." Adam remarked, "Strange you should say that, Eve, because I've been thinking of turning over a new leaf."

FLASH! Celebrating a birthday in August are Martin

Dorfman, Herb Larman, Mary Koor, Walter Wolf, Jr., Arnold Lewin, Zelma Mintz, Howard Levitin, Barry Glazer and Whitney Greenberg. Enjoying an August anniversary are Barry/Florence Stillerman, Gloria/Bob Lutz, Charles/Karen Cohen, David/Ann Vaprin and Marcia/Carl Inselberg. You-all enjoy.

FLASH! A tee hee. Heard in Miami. "What do you think of Henry Cabot Lodge?" asked Bessie of her friend. "It's all right," the friend replied, "but not near as nice as Grossingers.".....OR.....Old jokes never die. They end up in Norm Weisman's column.

## JCRC offers lowdown on law making

If you wish to learn about lawmaking and influencing state legislation from people who really know how it works, you can — at a day-long workshop Sunday, Sept. 16, sponsored by the Jewish Community Relations Council.

"Nuts and Bolts of the Political Process" will be at the Jewish Community Center from 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. The \$15 fee includes a kosher lunch and conference materials.

Speakers include JCRC President Irvin S. Katz; Carole

Stein of the Alliance for Better Child Care; Max Nelson, former JCRC president, and the heads of the Indiana Democratic and Republican parties.

Also, legislative leaders Sen. Louis Mahern and House co-Speaker Paul Mannweiler; Sens. Virginia Blankenbaker and William Soards and Reps. John Keeler, Joyce Brinkman and William Crawford. Mahern and Crawford are Democrats. The other legislators are Republicans.

To register, contact the JCRC at 926-2935 by Sept. 4.

## Free brush-up for road-wise

The Jewish Community Center, in cooperation with the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles, will again offer a Mature Driving Course on Monday, Sept. 10 and 17, from 9 a.m. to noon. The course is open to anyone 55 and older.

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## Kuwait remembered

By FYODOR ZAMORSKY

Probably few Jews can boast much personal knowledge of Kuwait — nor could I, had the Kuwaitis been aware of my presence.



I arrived at Kuwait in mid-March 1967, during the Moslem fast-days of Ramadan. I was a ship-building engineer and interpreter for a Russian crew engaged in re-equipping a medium fishing trawler with a new shrimping net. My role was to help fulfill a contract between a Russian state-owned enterprise and a Kuwaiti shrimp company. I lived in a hotel with two Russian colleagues, working 40 hours a week for a year.

Had the authorities known I was Jewish, they would not have allowed me to stay an hour — let alone for a year.

Kuwait is actually called El Kuwait, meaning "Great Kuwait," and seems to strive for superlatives.

To start with, the country had the world's largest desalting plant, because water was so scarce it cost more than oil.

It had the only city literally built directly on sand, because there was no other building material. Incalculable numbers of packages of soil were imported to Kuwait by Swedes to lay a foundation for replanning and building a European type of city.

Kuwaitis by law are under a permanent prohibition against having or imbibing alcohol, but the mosque was the only place they would not talk about drinks. They excelled at smuggling liquors.

The former harbor master was a Russian-born British subject. He had left Leningrad as a boy, but inherited good taste in vodka and frequently paid visits to the Russian seafarers to share a bottle.

The greed for drinks, particularly cheap ones, was so great among the crew that two of them died from wood alcohol poisoning. It cost the president of the Kuwaiti shrimp

company enormous efforts and money to hush the case from the local press. In off-hours, the Russians "raided" the big ships anchored along inner roadsteads and traded fresh fish and shrimps for liquor.

The border guard was very "strict." When they caught somebody with a bottle, they confiscated it and shared it between them.

Everything was selling and buying — including women. This "merchandise" cost 12 English pounds for a night.

At noon the city life reached almost a standstill for a four-hour siesta. In summer the heat reached 132 degrees — enough to burn your hand if you touched a metal hand-rail.

Many wealthy Kuwaitis left the country in summer for shadier climes, such as Beirut.

What I saw was a country advanced in many ways, backward in other ways. School was free and public, with free books and breakfasts for the students. Housing was cheap for most of the people, even free for some. Yet girls were married off at age 13, most against their will — and looked old by the time they were 20.

Homosexuality was rank, including homosexual prostitution, in which even a Russian was involved at a good price paid by a Kuwaiti.

Driving was reckless. There were no speed limits, so the "speed bumps" were three times as high as in America.

The wharves were dotted with small shrimp boats and stank with the catch of all kinds of seafood and the unsanitary conditions.

My stay coincided with the outbreak of the Egypt-Israel Six-Day War. Even then, Kuwaitis kept to their habits, including kneeling at daily prayers every four hours, regardless of events going on around them.

But the war made life harder. Food supplies got scarce. Blackmarketing thrived. The government issued decrees against speculation. Panic reigned to the extent that the Russian Embassy men demanded the captain to cease dismantling the Russian ship under repair and make it ready for return to

An Israeli gold medalist and the daughter of an Israeli-Hungarian freedom fighter will be among the 58 young violinists from around the world to compete in the Third Quadrennial International Violin Competition in Indianapolis, which starts Aug. 31.

The preliminary and semi-final phases will take place in the Indiana Repertory Theater. Finalists will play with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra at the Circle Theater. Winners will receive medals, cash and concert opportunities, including Carnegie Hall.

Among them could be Erez Ofer, 25, of Holon, Israel, and Rachel Varga, 21, of New York City.

Ofer won a gold medal in the 1989 Zino Francescatti competition and was recommended to this competition by Zubin Mehta, music director of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Ofer has performed with that orchestra.

He also has played with the Jerusalem Symphony, the Belgian National Orchestra and the Gdonks Orchestra. In the past two years, he placed fourth in both the Queen Elisabeth Competition and Cologne Violin Competition.

Varga, a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music, has played the violin since age three. Her first teachers were her parents, professional violinists Norma Jones and Ruben Varga. She has appeared with the New Jersey Symphony and made her New York recital debut in 1988. She took first prize in the 1987 Artists' International in New York.

Varga aspires to a professional solo career. Eventually she'd like to form a small group in which she can play and try out her own compositions, as well as direct. She comes by her ambition naturally.

Her mother, a native of England, toured England and Europe as a violin soloist before marrying, having two children and giving up her career.

Her father, Ruben, who died in 1984, was a violinist, composer and teacher,

Russia. Jeers and boos from the crew answered the diplomats, who slunk back to the embassy with their luggage.

No doubt much has changed in Kuwait since I resided there. I hope it will survive its present crisis to become a land worthy of its wealth.



Rachel Varga



Erez Ofer

even though he was blinded at age 11 when a bomb blew up in his face in Israel, to which his parents immigrated from Hungary.

Rachel, who considers herself half-Jewish, glows with affection as she remembers her father.

"He was an amazing man," she said. "He was the head of the violin and composition departments at the Lighthouse for the Blind. He had a system of painting with music, using middle C as a reference point, and each note corresponding to the color spectrum."

She also recalled her father's courage as a youth. After being blinded, his mother took Ruben for medical care back to Hungary. His Catholic father, an architect, remained in Israel.

The Hungarian doctors couldn't help much but Ruben — already enamored of the violin — stayed to study music. They were trapped when World War II began. Ruben, then age 15, joined the Hungarian underground. He delivered messages, helped lay bombs in mines and served as a look-

out by whistling when he heard soldiers approach and distracting them by acting helpless.

After the war he earned a doctorate in music in Hungary and returned to Israel, where he played with the philharmonic. He came to the United States in 1947 to study. He initially was rejected for citizenship because of his blindness. He appealed to former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and Congress passed a law allowing a self-sufficient handicapped person to become a citizen. He met Norma while they were both on tour in Italy.

Rachel likes to play romantic concertos with orchestra and likes modern music because, "You can approach it however you want it to sound."

Although she is not observant, she has gone to synagogue with observant Jewish friends. She enjoys the music there and said if she knew Hebrew she might try composing some liturgy. She has played in concert an Israeli rhapsody that her father wrote. She hopes to visit Israel one day.

## Bouquet

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Brightwood director Gladys Terry says these trips have been invaluable in helping the youngsters, ages 8 to 18, widen their knowledge, experience and self-expectations. She said one former Brightwood attendee — now in the U.S. Army — recently called to thank her for the summer program and enriching trip experience.

Fisher gives more than money. He gives the youngsters responsibilities. They must submit a written report of their experiences. He also meets with their parents before the trip. Fisher occasionally pays for the uniforms that the youths wear during the

summer program. He has hired some teens to work in his store.

Over the years Fisher and his wife Myra have spent some time with the youngsters on their trips, as have Fisher's daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Elliott Schanker. A son, Jeffrey, lives in California.

Fisher is on the board of directors at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and is involved in dues retention and membership retention. He is a member of the temple brotherhood.

Fisher has two other Cash Bargain stores, in Eagle Lake center and in the K-Mart Plaza on Madison.



# 'Ghost' is a sleeper

By CHARLES EPSTEIN

The film surprise of the season is "Ghost," starring John Cameron Swayze's son, Mrs. Bruce Willis and Karen Johnson. Patrick Swayze is



murdered and comes on the screen as a ghost to save his girlfriend played by Demi Moore (Mrs. Bruce Willis). However, Moore cannot hear nor see him. So how can he achieve his objective — to keep his love from being killed also? Swayze finds a fake psychic played by Whoopi Goldberg (whose real name is Karen Johnson). Goldberg can hear him, even though she would prefer not to.

If you suspend reality, "Ghost" is a terrific piece of entertainment. It has love, comedy and mystery. Naturally, there are a lot of special effects. The movie as a whole has a lot going for it. But it also has its flaws.

Swayze, as the ghost, cannot hold anything. He can pass through walls and doors as ghosts do. However, he sits in a lounge chair. Why doesn't he fall through it to the floor? Ghosts can get away with so many things. The big problem is getting someone to believe it is really him.

The pace of this motion picture is very uneven. It slows sometimes to a halt. This is extremely evident in the love scenes. But the end of this film commits the biggest crime. After it ends it goes on and on without anything happening. The screen is static, the story obviously is over, and the actors are motionless as the film continues for no apparent reason.

Director Jerry Zucker must take credit for the film's virtues as well as blame for its faults. He does a very good job with the comedy and action, for which he is well known. But his romantic episodes and talky establishing scenes are drawn out. He hammers the information into you. His hammer is so heavy it dulls

your senses. But because of the over-all atmosphere he creates, Zucker does an admirable job.

The screenplay was written by Bruce Joel Rubin. The musical score, composed by Maurice Jarre, was more than appropriate.

"Ghost" commits many errors but all can be forgiven because as an entirety this motion picture gives you your money's worth. Whoopi Goldberg is a riot in possibly her best and funniest role. Her timing is perfect and her characterization is stable. She

steals this picture. Swayze performs well as does Moore in roles that are hard pressed to do wrong. But these two are more than adequate.

The plot is quickly revealed for you who have mystery-solving minds. But that is not a disappointment because the script is so well done and full of comedy. All right, so we know the plot. So what, as long as we are having fun?

And having fun is what you can expect when you see "Ghost."

## Food, fashion fling to aid Hooverwood

A luncheon, style show and raffle, all benefiting Hooverwood Nursing Home, will be presented at Broadmoor Country Club at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13.

The event is the windup of annual fund raising efforts by the Hooverwood Guild. The guild's efforts brought about the purchase last year of a wheelchair-adapted van.

Raffle players will get a chance at \$500 gift certificates by Davidson's of Glendale and Raleigh's Limited, a color TV and other prizes. The drawing will accompany the luncheon, with a style show by Davidson's featuring Guild members as models.

Models are Karen Fried, Dale Friedlander, Irene Goldberg, Paula Herman, Sylvia Katz, Anne Larman, Ann Levinson, Martha Levinson, Jane Linderman, Sue McKasson, Helen Newmark, Frankie Nicoloff, Joyce Romer, Ruth Stein and Maymie Tavel. George Nicoloff's Orchestra will provide background music and entertainment.

Door prizes also will be awarded.

Luncheon reservations are \$20 per guest. A check to Hooverwood Guild, 7001 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260, will secure a reservation.

Marjorie Bradford coordinated the luncheon. The Davidson's show was arranged and will be presented by Bobbie Greenberg and Jacquie Stolkin. The raffle was chaired by Joan Larman, with Eva Mitchell and Roberta Wurzman serving as co-chairpersons for the June Phonathons.

Committee chairpersons were Jodi Stoner, invitations; Elaine Kleiman and Ann Levinson, decorations and favors; June Fisch, Joan Fischer and Ibbie Goldbach, luncheon arrangements; June Fisch and Marjorie Wolman, door prizes; Roberta Tavel, treasurer; Frankie Nicoloff, entertainment, and Myrna Fang, publicity. Rita Cohen is Guild president.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Monday, Sept. 10, 9 a.m., Mature Driving Course at Jewish Community Center. For persons age 55 and older. No charge. Call 251-9467.

Friday, Sept. 14, singing duo Sheera performs at family night services, 7:30 p.m., at Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation.

Sunday, Sept. 16, 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., "Nuts and Bolts of the Political Process" workshop at Jewish Community Center. Call Jewish Community Relations Council at 926-2935 for reservations.

## GTE North Classic brings Broadmoor fame

By NEILA POMERANTZ

Now in its third year, the GTE North Classic has brought recognition to Broadmoor Country Club, the city's only predominantly Jewish country club.

Golfing events began on Sunday and end on Sept. 2, with the last three days to be aired on ESPN.

"Now you tell people you're a member of Broadmoor and they say, 'Oh, that's where they play the Senior Tour,'" said Dan Jacobsen, president of Broadmoor and a member for 27 years.

The tour features famous golfers age 50 and older including two-time defending champion Gary Player and Arnold Palmer. The \$450,000 tournament will provide a minimum of \$10,000 each to the Big Brothers of Greater Indianapolis, Big Sisters of Central Indiana, Jewish Federation of Greater Indianapolis, Inc. and Riley Hospital for children.

"The tour does enhance the reputation of the city of Indianapolis," said Jacobsen, the former director of turbine sales in the Allison Division of General Motors. "In order to get business to locate in an area you have to attract attention, and sports attracts attention."

Jacobsen took up golf at age 38, saying it has not traditionally it has not been a Jewish sport. Broadmoor now has over 500 members, with 85-90 percent being Jewish. There are three black members and 80 to 100 women members.

Broadmoor, started in 1922, has no restrictions as

to race, religion or gender in its bylaws, Jacobsen said. New members must be sponsored by a current member.

"Like anything else, people join because your friends are there or because your business associates are there," he said. Other country clubs scheduled to host PGA tournaments have been criticized for lack of minority and women members.

Despite its open policy, Broadmoor considers itself a Jewish club culturally. For example, Friday night features a "traditional" dinner of chicken soup, gefilte fish and a choice of brisket or chicken entree.

"We have many takers," Jacobsen said. The traditional Passover meal is provided on the first night of Passover. Each family conducts its own seder. The club is closed on Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur. The club does not serve ham but will serve bacon.

Jacobsen said he knows of no other Jewish country club that hosts a national tour such as this. He said GTE was attracted because of the quality of the course, designed by Don Ross, and because of the excellent upkeep, which takes 15 people. He said the PGA crews take excellent care of the course.

Although members cannot play golf during the tournament, they can use the swimming, tennis and dining facilities. Jacobsen said most golfing members get their kicks from watching the pros play and seeing how they handle troublesome holes.

## Broadmoor ladies tie for tourney lead

The ladies team at the Broadmoor Country Club is tied with Crooked Stick for first place in the Ladies Inter-Club Tournament. The Broadmoor team gained 10 strokes in the last match, for a total of 668.

Team members are Stephanie Bartick, Robin Koby, Anne Larman and

Roberta Tavel.

In second place is Crooked Stick, 672; third is Highland Country Club, 679; fourth is Country Club of Indiana, 686; fifth is Meridian Hills, 708; and trailing is Hillcrest Country Club, 719. The next match will be played Sept. 12 at Hillcrest.

## Madtson wins men's tourney

Jeff Madtson defeated Brian Nicholoff by 3-2 for a shut-out victory in the 1990 Broadmoor Country Club

men's club golf championship. The championship tournament was a match play that began with 28 players.

## True partnership

Straight talk is now called for.

Up until the last few days, Israelis involved with tourism have played down the possibility that Israel could be involved in the hostilities which most observers believe will erupt in the Middle East.

Of course no one wants that dire development, but the possibility is certainly there.

Such being the case, then straight talk is warranted from those who are responsible, not euphemism and not pious wishful thinking.

There are many American Jews who will want to rush to Israel to be there by her side when and if she should be attacked and responds as she certainly will. But there also are many American Jews who will, while sympathizing with Israel, stay put where they are safe — at home in North America.

We recall that within a week after five Arab countries attacked Israel in 1948, Sam Rothberg, who later was to become the leading American Jew, rushed to Israel to be with her in her time of dire need. There are other American Jews who now will answer the call, even though one is not made vocal, and will crowd into El Al planes — doctors, truck drivers, etc. anybody who can replace the Israelis called to arms.

But now is not the time to be concerned with

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## The international leader

That new figure on the international Jewish scene is Robert Maxwell, British publisher and industrialist, who has stolen the spotlight from the several American Jewish leaders who aspired to that role. His latest "escapade" was to make possible the trip of the 196 Chernobyl Jewish children to Israel for treatment. The details are unimportant, although they show a



Robert Maxwell is shown at Kfar Chabad with two of the children from Chernobyl he aided in reaching Israel. From left are Rabbi Yitzchok Kogan, initiator of the Chernobyl project, Rabbi Yosef Aronov, Rabbi Fivesh Vogel and Rabbi Mendel Fogelman.

determination not to be deterred when obstacles arose that forced him to send his private plane to Bucharest to bring pilots to London to fly the children to Israel.

This latest episode follows on his investment in Israel's largest daily and in two of the successful Israeli high tech firms making their mark on the world market, not to mention his purchase of one of the Israeli soccer teams.

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If there is one editorial theme which has become an annual feature in The P-O and which has achieved zero as far as any effect on the synagogal apparatus it is our appeal for free services to all who wish to attend.

Now we learn that the Lincoln Square Congregation has been providing such service for the past three years. Possibly the newest Orthodox congregation of any size in Manhattan, the Lincoln Square Congregation is certainly one of if not the most successful congregations in Metropolitan New York. In fact its original spiritual leader, Rabbi Shlomo Riskin and some 200 of its families were to make aliyah to Israel. An entire village was to be established, with a yeshiva of course somewhere in the Negev. An impossible dream and one which naturally was doomed to fail. What well-to-do Manhattan Jewish families could be expected to pick up and move en masse to Israel.

That was about 10 years or more ago.

Today, a thriving community south of Jerusalem is called Efrat and the yeshiva and its rosh, Rabbi Riskin, has in such a short time become the example of what can be achieved when there is leadership and dedication to an ideal.

So it all fits in.

A devoted rabbi builds not only a noted congregation, but also a yeshiva and a city in the Negev and that same spirit has led to another hallmark in American Judaism — free services at the High Holidays.

All the fears that such a step would become an open invitation to free loaders were proven groundless, as you will read the article we're reprinting from Jewish Outreach, a quarterly publication with offices at 500 Fifth Ave., in Manhattan. So now the question is why other congregations all over America have not followed suit.

The article in Jewish Outreach is headed "High Holiday Free Service" and we're reprinting it here in full:

The Lincoln Square Synagogue High Holiday free service is an attempt to reach out to people whose attendance at synagogue is limited to Yizkor, to introduce them to Judaism and the Jewish way of praying through an intellectually and spiritually rewarding service. It is not a program but rather a full, live service with a rabbi, baale tefilah, gabbaim, even ushers to help people to their seats. The service is geared to people with limited Jewish backgrounds, although, in the three years that it has been operating here, it has attracted an in-

teresting mix: people who get stranded in the neighborhood, people who, as a matter of principle, refuse to attend a service by ticket, people who have nothing better to do and are curious.

To date, on Rosh Hashanah, only the mussaf service was performed. On Yom Kippur, however, services were held throughout the day. The services included unison readings in Hebrew and in English as well as explanations of the various sections of the service. Sometimes, discussions ensued. Charts illustrating the sections of the services and the prayers were posted on the walls and referred to at the appropriate times.

Flyers were distributed throughout the neighborhood and a large banner was draped across the names of the synagogue publicizing the service. Some members of the synagogue felt that a free service would undermine attendance at the regular service. To avoid this, publicity began after Rosh Hashanah. By that time, most of the regulars have purchased their tickets.

It was found that the Free Service was a major feeder for the adult education program of the synagogue. Some participants became members of the synagogue and began to attend services on weekdays and Shabbos. Letters were received from participants thanking the Rabbi for "making them Jewish."

**Comments:** This service is an excellent way to counter the disquieting complaint heard from time to time from the disenfranchised among our brethren, viz., the synagogue is more interested in money than in providing an intellectual and spiritual experience for Jews in the neighborhood. In preparing the explanations and selecting the readings, it is important to consider that the participants may be of mixed backgrounds. The material should be made relevant to all, to avoid boredom. If time is allotted for discussion — by no means should this be taken as a given — it is crucial that it be kept to a minimum or what is supposed to be a service will become a lecture/discussion program. Issues that are highly controversial should be avoided.

It is a good policy for the Rabbi to introduce himself to each participant and speak with them for a moment or two. This could be handled at the break between services. It is important to get the name and address of each participant for future mailings. This could be done by asking them to sign out after Yom Kippur or to distribute self-ad-

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# New Jewish Agenda, Peace Now behind 8 ball

NEW YORK — New Jewish Agenda and Peace Now, the two Jewish groups who have pushed Israel to greater recognition of the rights of the Palestinians, have been caught in the middle by the action of the Palestinians in supporting Iraq's President Saddam Hussein.

Peace Now placed an advertisement in The Jerusalem Post headed, "Open Letter to the Palestinian Leadership in the Occupied Territories."

The ad expressed disappointment by "the enthusiastic Palestinian support for Saddam Hussein. The path of Saddam Hussein is the path of violence, threat, and war. Support for him is support for the resuscitation of disputes between nations through force."

Continuing the ad asserted that "We welcome that part of your recent statement

which calls for the resolution of all conflicts through peaceful means, condemns the occupation of lands through conquest, and calls for Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait."

Meanwhile in New York New Jewish Agenda issued a statement supporting the UN condemnation of the Iraqi invasion, but added that "it regards with grave concern the subsequent US unilateral escalation of the conflict by sending massive numbers of American ground forces and equipment to Saudi Arabia."

It urged replacing the U.S. forces with strong U.N. peacekeeping forces.

Ahavia Scheindlin, national executive committee chairwoman of Americans for Peace Now, told the JTA that "the morning after the Iraqi affair is settled, we must still

deal with the Palestinians; nothing has changed in that."

Stanley Sheinbaum, one of the five American Jews who met with Yasir Arafat in Stockholm in December 1988, blamed Israeli and American policies for pushing Arafat into the pro-Iraqi camp. "There was no reward for Arafat for turning moderate," he said. The PLO leader might "not have tilted to Baghdad if the U.S. and Israeli governments had been more forthcoming." Sheinbaum hosted a fund raising meeting for Operation Exodus at his home where \$87,000 were pledged.

"In a sense," he said, "Peace Now is stronger now. When people heard about the meeting in my house for Operation Exodus, they wanted it to be through Peace Now, to show the flag, so to say."

## Grip of Orthodox weakening: ARZA

NEW YORK — A problem Israel will be facing in a progressively larger and larger degree as more Russian immigration continues was elaborated by ARZA, the Association of Reform Zionists of America in a news release which stated that "Israel will find herself with an estimated 300,000 citizens who are not Jewish according to halacha."

Thus, ARZA, quoting Minister of the Interior Aryeh Deri to the effect that approximately 30 percent of the Russian immigrants are not Jewish according to halacha, asserted that if the Russian immigration totals a million as some have prophesied they and their children will go to Israel schools, serve in the army, speak Hebrew and undoubtedly think of themselves as Jews, but their identity cards will not note that. The identity card will show a blank where nationality should be indicated, ARZA said, noting that was the way Israel designated Israelis whose Jewishness is in doubt.

"When they wish to be married in Israel," ARZA continued, "the Orthodox rabbinical courts will refuse them permission."

ARZA also pointed out that when the Chief Rabbinate recommended creation of a special rabbinical court to deal with the problem by a simple conversion procedure, it was subjected to withering attacks from ultra-Orthodox circles, and backed down almost immediately.

"Reports from Israel indicate," ARZA said, "that rabbinical courts are already holding up requests for marriage permits from many Soviet immigrants whose Jewish identity has not been established to the satisfaction of the rabbinical courts."

In view of the need for a solution, ARZA "said there was reason for hope....prospects are now better than they have ever been for ending the monopoly of Israel's religious establishment and increasing religious freedom for all of Israel's citizens."

## 2nd Jewish paper launched in Atlanta

ATLANTA — The Atlanta Jewish Times is taking in its stride the appearance of a competing Jewish publication, which is given away free, and which at this stage in its career has not determined whether it will be a weekly, a monthly or even published less often. The Times is part of the chain of three papers of The Baltimore Jewish Times.

A writeup in the Times

quoted Gene Asher, publisher of The Jewish Georgian, to the effect that it will concentrate on local news. "I feel like what the Jewish Times does in local news it does well, but there are so many other stories to tell that there's room for the Jewish Georgian to tell some of them. It's not my purpose to go head to head with The Jewish Times since we're not a weekly."



TRY THIS ONE ON FOR SIZE — Gas masks are not being distributed by the Israel Army for good reasons, but Israelis are buying them just in case. Israelis have been advised that enough masks are available for everyone, including the Israeli Arabs.

## Jews for Jesus confab draws 1000, also Jews for Judaism

LOS ANGELES — The description of annual convention of the Union of Messianic Jewish Congregations at Anaheim, Ca. in The Jewish Journal here by Naomi Pfeifferman had "women wearing scarves and sheils (wigs), men wearing black hats (hassidim) and tallitot (prayer shawls)...They looked and talked like Jews."

It was the 11th annual convention and some 1000 turned out for the occasion. They believe they can practice Judaism while worshipping "Yeshua HaMashiach," Jesus the Messiah.

Jews for Judaism were there too. They had rented a room on the same floor and offered pamphlets and lecture series for the four days.

Rabbi Fred Kravitz of Los Angeles, a founder of Jews for Judaism, and 12 cohorts offered lectures to contest the claims of the convention sessions, but at one point hotel guards had to intervene when the tension between the groups rose.

At the end of the four days, Kravitz and his group said they were pleased with their efforts. "We were able to reach out to more than 100 converts and to offer them the Jewish perspective," he said. "For us that's a tremendous accomplishment."



## One shul closes, another benefits

VANCOUVER — The Moose Jaw shul is out of business, at least for the time being, and its two Torahs and text books, plus sets of dishes, tallitot, sidurim and kiddush cups have become the property of the Okanagan Jewish Community Association, which meets in St. Michael's Church, known in the Jewish community as St. Moishe's. The Okanagan Jewish community will soon be entering its own facility. If the Moose Jaw Jewish community revives within 20 years, its implements will be returned.

## Shoal Creek has 1 Jewish member

BIRMINGHAM — The Shoal Creek Country Club which figured in the news because it barred blacks as members and therefore led to change in the rule by the PGA eliminating any clubs from holding a PGA tournament if minorities or women are excluded as members, does have at least one Jewish member, The Post and Opinion was informed.

## Prean dominates Brit table tennis

GATESHEAD, England — Carl Prean established his domination of English table tennis as he defeated the English number one champion, Desmond Douglas in the four-man round-robin tournament here. Earlier he had beaten the English number two player, Alan Cooke, and Chen Xinhua, the Chinese former world number four now living in Britain.

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# Some leaving Israel, most staying

TEL AVIV — While the Tourism Ministry continues to challenge anyone who claims that tourism is being affected by the Iraq crisis, and hotels are careful to state that only a few reservations have been cancelled, one group, stage performers, have made it clear that they are steering clear of Israel.

The Red Army Chorus of the Soviet Union scheduled for a series of concerts has taken a powder, and an American band which was to feature "Jazz on the Red Sea," a festival that opened in Eilat, did not appear. Then at the last minute French violinist Stephane Grappelli claimed illness for not showing up for his concerts.

Senior officials of the Ministry of Tourism were up in arms at the Foreign Ministry whose staff in London and Bonn are advising potential tourists that they go to Israel at their own risk. The Foreign

Ministry was hardly cowed. Word has gone out that Israeli representatives abroad should tell the situation as it is.

The Ministry of Tourism spokesman said that "The State of Israel is not an insurance agency. People have always come here at their own risk, and have seen for themselves that, in general, Israel is a fairly safe place."

Meanwhile some foreign students studying in Israel have returned to their homes. A spokesman for the Sam Rothberg School of Overseas Students at the Hebrew University said that of the 1100 students, only 10 have left Israel. At Tel Aviv University 13 students who arrived only a week ago left Israel.

Meanwhile 56 participants in the Oztma volunteer four-year program departed on El Al from New York, with only four cancellations.

## Jewish singles to meet in Rio

NEW YORK — The ambitious World Jewish Singles happening for a week in Rio De Janeiro is expected to draw 1,500 Jews from around the world, and already 100 reservations have been made at a cost of \$2,199 from New York, with slight reservations from other parts of the

country. The participants will be housed in different five-star hotels depending on their age.

The project is a promotion of Isram Tours, which has reported reservations from Greece to Australia, Chile and South Africa, including singles, widowed or divorced from age 20 upward.

## Run on baking soda as poison gas proof

TEL AVIV — Baking soda keeps disappearing from the shelves of Israel's groceries since it was suggested on radio and TV that garments washed in it are a partial preventive against chemical attack. The run on the product has found store managers hard put to keep it in stock.

WASHINGTON — At a meeting which the Jewish Telegraphic Agency said Defense Secretary Dick Cheney requested 11 Jewish leaders learned that any concerns they harbored were being addressed by the U.S.

Among them were acceptance by Saudi Arabia of Jewish chaplains, assurance that Israel's low profile in the present crisis was understood, and concern that arms supplied to Saudi Arabia would not be left there to build up her armed forces once the Iraq problem was solved.

Leading the 11 "leaders" was Max Fisher of Detroit. Others were Abe Foxman, Benjamin Waldman, Kenneth Bialkin, Jacob Stein, Sholom Camay, Robert Lifton, Melvin Salberg, Howard Kohr, Meyer Mitchell and Malcolm Hoenlein.

The contingent came away with the feeling of confidence that the U.S. would continue to bolster Israel's defense against any array of opponents.

## Arafat undermining self, so COMAJO declines ad

WASHINGTON — Advertising under the aegis of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations linking PLO leader Yasir Arafat with Saddam Hussein of Iraq was considered, but the final negative decision was based on the fact that the news

media were already portraying Arafat's pro-Iraq position accurately. Ha'aretz, the large Israeli afternoon daily, reported that Israel Ambassador to the U.S., Moshe Arad, had suggested such an ad at a meeting of the Conference.

## Former newsman reaching for rabbinate

By NEILA POMERANTZ  
Reprinted from the *Indiana Jewish Post and Opinion*.

Tom Rose's passion has carried the native Hoosier around the world as a newsman. This passion is now transforming Rose from a secular crusader for truth into a rabbinical student with a mission to bring Jews to Judaism.

Rose, who was confirmed in the city's Reform temple —

Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation — will enter a newly-formed traditional rabbinical school in Mount Vernon, N.Y., following nine months at Yeshiva Hamiv Tar near Jerusalem.

Rose feels he is like many others in his generation who missed out on a traditional practice of Judaism and the personal satisfaction it can bring. He wants to help restore those practices.

"Those who were born before World War II, for them being a Jew determined a lot — your values, your identity, who you would marry," Rose said. "For our generation, born after World War II, being born a Jew doesn't determine our identity, who we marry or our values. That's our crisis."

"We need to give Jews reasons to be Jewish. The past generation has not done it."

The 'goyim' are nice! That's our crisis. We don't know how to deal with it. We're the first generation in 4,000 years to have this question."

Rose does not fit the picture of a traditional rabbi. He has a smooth-faced, boyish, All-American look and manner. After graduating from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, he worked as a foreign correspondent for CBS radio and PBS television.

He was nominated for an Emmy for producing a PBS show on Glasnost. He then wrote *Freeing the Whales, How the Media Created the World's Greatest Non Event* after covering the 1988 story for a Japanese television station. He's now working on a deal to make the book into a movie.

That's the secular Tom Rose.

The religious Tom Rose has been developing in starts and fits since Rose visited Israel in his senior year of high school.

"I became Zionized," Rose said. "Israel turned me into a proud but ignorant Jew. I've spent the last 10 years trying to remove the second descriptive adjective from that title."

Rose majored in Judaic Studies at Brandeis University in his undergraduate years.

Yet he felt they were "academic" and were not on a "religious level."

Rose has firm convictions but says he is open to change. He says he is "still evolving" as a Jew and still finding his place on the spectrum of Jewish practice. Rose spent the summer as a rabbinic intern at IHC. He was pleasantly surprised to find much more traditional practice than when he left 10 years ago.

"I was surprised at how Jewishly knowledgeable (Rabbi) Jon Stein is," Rose said. "I was struck at how active a community it is. I always thought there was no such thing as a passionate Reform Jew. Jon Stein is an incredible human being and an incredible Jew. He has an extraordinary ability to touch people."

Still, Rose disagrees with a number of Reform practices. And, he says his religious transformation hasn't been easy for his parents, Irwin and Jill Rose, who are active in the temple. Although they disagree on many aspects of Jewish practice, "We both respect each other, and they want what's best for me," Rose said.

Rose retains membership at IHC, although he usually attends services at B'nai To-



Tom Rose in his New York News Corps. Studio

rah.

At the same time, Rose thinks the Orthodox often do a disservice to Judaism by being too tough on those who don't follow strict ritual. For instance, a person who abstains from some forbidden foods but not others shouldn't be chastised for not keeping kosher. Rather, he should be encouraged to gradually increase kosher practices. Rose feels so strongly about this, he preached a sermon on this

subject.

"We are our own worst enemies," Rose said. "It is not gentiles who undermine Judaism today; it's Jews."

Rose envisions a large task for himself once he completes his rabbinic studies. "My Jewish mission is to try and foster a greater sense of unity. We are one people, one fate and one destiny. I'd love to lecture, to teach, to use my common skills toward advancement of Judaism."



## No need worrying, Messiah coming

TEL AVIV — For those who are concerned about Israel's safety, they now have assurance that their fears are unwarranted.

Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe said in his weekly Shabbat homily that "The events do not have to disturb the spiritual and physical peace of a single Jew because they are a preparation and preface for the actual coming of the Messiah."

The leader whose 25,000 or more followers rely on his every word cautioned against panic and said there is no need to be concerned with obtaining gas masks for protection against an Iraqi poison gas attack. He was referring to the fact that in order to don a gas mask, beards must be shaven. On the other hand, Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu, Chief Sephardic Rabbi, issued a ruling permitting the cutting off of beards in case of a gas attack. He told observant Jews to carry a scissors for that purpose in case of an emergency.

The Rebbe based his view on the coming of the Messiah, which every Lubavitch believes is imminent, on a midrash written between the 4th Century BCE and the 11th Century C.E. which tells of a great agitation involving many nations that will culminate in a confrontation in the Gulf.

The cataclysm will her-



Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson

ald the coming of the Messiah who will stand on the roof of the Temple and announce to Israel, "The time of your redemption has

come."

The Rebbe is 87 years old. He was quoted on his prediction in The Jerusalem Post.

### Teachers told how to avert war fear

JERUSALEM — Instructions to teachers on how to help pupils cope with their fears about war in the Gulf are being distributed. "Children hear their parents talking about gas masks and the possibility of war, and that is bound to increase

their anxiety," said Dr. Robert Asch, the Education Ministry's chief psychologist. By providing the facts and holding classroom discussions some of the children's anxieties can be abated, he said.

### Visit to Mubarak ruled out by UJA

TEL AVIV — The \$10,000 Prime Ministers Mission of 70 American Jews has cancelled its visit to Cairo for a meeting with Hosni Mubarak because of the Gulf crisis. Marvin Lender,

chairman of the UJA, said that "the donors wanted to go, but I felt that given the situation, it was probably an unnecessary risk to send a fund raising group" to Cairo.

## Soviet Jews as settler fodder charge is called anti-Israel

NEW YORK — The recent article in the National Catholic Reporter by Rosemary Reuther charging that Israel is using Soviet Jews as "settler fodder" in a campaign of Palestinian displacement from their homeland was characterized by the ADL as "using myth as a tool to distort the Jewish historical experience and the legitimacy of the State of Israel."

"There is no lack of evidence to dispel the myth of Israeli settlement of Soviet Jews in the territories," the ADL stated. "Absorption statistics, Israeli policy statements, interviews with Soviet Jews and eyewitnesses provide more than ample refutation of any and all of these charges."

The ADL's response by Rabbi Leon Klenicki and Bluma Zuckerbrot stated that "it is clear then that Ms. Reuther's virulency is rooted in much more than a mere misperception of the residency choices of Soviet Jews. In denying Israel the right to provide shelter for Jews fleeing resurgent anti-Semitism and virulent Russian nationalism, she challenges the very basis of Israel's existence as a haven for World Jewry."

The response noted that Mrs. Reuther was the author of a pioneering 1974 theological work, "Faith and Fratricide: The Theological Roots of anti-Semitism."

### Messianic Jews buy church for \$335,000

BALTIMORE — A procession of members which ended with the placing of the Torah in its new ark and addresses by Dr. Michael Brown and others featured the dedication of Rosh Pina congregation's new facilities, located a mile from the Jewish Community Center Owings Mills. The Messianic congregation of 80 members outgrew its temporary quar-

ters and purchased the former Gills Methodist Church for \$335,000. The Messianic congregation is Baltimore's second, according to the Baltimore Jewish Times. The building will be used for services, Bar Mitzvahs and Sabbath classes for children. The congregation does not celebrate Christian holidays as do most Messianic groups.

## Kosher dinner caters to a capacity crowd

By JULIE D. SEGAL

Reprinted from The Kentucky Jewish Post and Opinion.

When most of us think of kosher dinners, we envision chicken soup with matzo balls, gefilte fish, roast chicken or brisket with knedlach, carrots and kucken for dessert — traditional Shabbat dinners, or holiday fare. Or for a change, a milchik meal of tuna salad, blintzes and ice cream.

Did you ever imagine there could be kosher veal parmesan? Or kosher Chinese dishes?

"Kosher Alternatives Around the World," a joint project of the Vaad Kashruth of Louisville and the Hyatt Regency Hotel, is presenting gourmet kosher meals with an international flair at the hotel's luxury revolving dining room, The Spire Restaurant.

On August 5, 110 people enjoyed a gourmet Italian dinner of Chicken Rosette, chicken stuffed with spinach and rolled in a lasagne noodle in a marinara sauce and Chicken Parme-

san made with parve mozzarella cheese ordered from New York.

Keith Laszczak, executive chef, prepared the menus. "We coordinate our plans with Max Kreitman at Strathmoor Market who special orders the parve ingredients we need. He helped us find a parvesour cream the we used to make chilled potato soup," Laszczak said.

Laszczak has been with Hyatt Hotels for several years. Before coming to Louisville 18 months ago, he worked at the Hyatt in Columbus, Ohio, where he opened a full time kosher restaurant in the hotel. "Kosher catering isn't difficult. You just have to follow the rules," he said. He learned about kosher cooking from the rabbi in Columbus.

"The dinners are becoming so popular that we had to turn away over 40 reservations because of lack of table space," said Rabbi Avrohom Litvin, rabbi of the Vaad. "Our next

event will probably be held in October and we will be able to accommodate 150 people, the maximum seating for The Spire. The cuisine is not set yet."

Each dinner includes a choice of four entrees, chicken, fish (usually salmon), veal or steak. The gourmet feature of the evening is one of the choices. Cost of the meals ranges from \$13-\$19 including the entrees, side dishes and dessert. Appetizers and wines are available. Seating is from 6-9 p.m. at individual tables served by teams of waiters.

The idea for the kosher dinners originated at a meeting of the Vaad several years ago. "We wanted to find a way to promote Kashruth to people who already kept kosher and to interest those who may want to consider the alternative," Rabbi Litvin said.

The first dinner was held in December, 1987 at Four Courts. Chef Harold Cohen, the Louisville Caterer, prepared the food,

in his role as director of catering for Four Courts. The event was a sellout.

Logistics problems, though, made a change of location necessary.

"Aaron Chase and I then met with Gary Solomon, the catering director at the Hyatt. We suggested that holding the dinners there would be a community service and an outlet for the hotel to demonstrate the extent of their kosher catering talents."

"The Hyatt agreed and to our delight, the first dinner was accompanied by a fireworks display at the Falls Fountain, visible from the restaurant," Rabbi Litvin said.

Today, the dinners are held on a bi-monthly basis rotating the menus between various international gourmet cuisines. Strathmoor Meat Market and Grocery includes an announcement in their grocery orders several weeks before the dinners which has increased atten-

dance immensely, Rabbi Litvin said.

Larger cities like Chicago and Orlando have full time kosher dining at the Hyatt Hotels there, but Louisville's project is unique. "Kosher dinners such as this are not available in any other city our size. These dinners should be well patronized to show our appreciation and to continue this community service," Rabbi Litvin said.

The dinners are supported by various Jewish community leaders whether they personally keep kosher or not. They want to support the project for those who do, he added.

The dinners are held on Sunday evenings when street parking is plentiful and free, and the restaurant will validate tickets from the hotel parking garage.

As long as the Hyatt agrees, plans are to continue the dinners on a bi-monthly basis indefinitely, Rabbi Litvin said.



## LIFE GAME

By Sol Gordon

Professor Sol Gordon is an authority on love, sex and marriage, and you probably heard him lecture in your community. He founded the Institute for Family Research and Education. He is professor emeritus of Syracuse University. He has appeared on *The Today Show*, the *Phil Donahue Show*, with *Oprah Winfrey*, *60 Minutes* and *Good Morning, America*. He is the author of "Why Love Is Not Enough" and "When Living Hurts." He will answer questions from readers and may be addressed at 28 Heritage Ct., Belmont, CA 94002.

## Sexual stereotyping — I

Cultural definitions of masculinity and femininity provide the key to sexual stereotyping. Our culture has insisted that men be aggressive, worldly, strong, rational and dominant. Women must be passive, weak, domestic, emotional and submissive. The achievement of honest human relationships of any kind will require the destruction of these stereotypes.

People also have been led to believe that heterosexual love exists as the only legitimate and normal kind of love. Society needs to recognize that homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality and trans-sexuality are also valid sexual behaviors. We must guarantee everyone's right to reveal or not to reveal sexual interests and tendencies.

A broad range of alternative lifestyles have emerged in the past twenty years, most notably "living together," which has increased in dramatic proportions in the past decade. There are many expressions and arrangements between people who are in love that need to be legitimized, at least as far as civil rights and courtesy are concerned. Other candidates for validation are such unconventional pairings as an older woman with a younger man, elderly couples and couples who decide not to have children.

## Israel to sell 'chemwar' garb

TEL AVIV — A \$3 million order for Israeli-made protective plastic "chemical warfare" suits has been placed with Plastopol, a factory at Kibbutz Hazorea

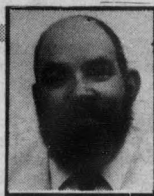
in the Galilee. The name of the country placing the order was not revealed. The firm manufactures the suits for the Israel army.

## COPING TODAY

# Her father's widow

By M. S. STERN

Mr. Cohen is normally a very calm and laid back person. He was anything but that, however, when he called Rabbi David G. one morning



in March. "Rabbi, it's a terrible disaster. The wedding you performed last weekend is a disaster. The groom has a wife already!"

The rabbi was himself feeling quite anxious by now. This was his first pulpit and he really wasn't pleased with the possibility of a bigamous marriage first time out. The groom, 70-year-old Mischa, was a recent refugee from the Soviet Union. According to the information which was given to the rabbi, Mischa's first wife had died more than five years earlier.

"Mr. Cohen," the rabbi asked, "where did you hear such a thing?"

"Well, Rabbi, I heard it from my cousin Marvin," Cohen responded. "Marvin says that he heard it from Boris D. You know him, rabbi, he came from Russia last year."

Rabbi David promised to look into the matter and put down the telephone.

He couldn't help but think that Mischa's wedding was different right from the start. He had been called to see Sophie T., a youngish 80-year-old lady who had recently broken her leg. She was lonely, she said, she couldn't get around much with a cast on. She had met a nice Russian man, however, and they had decided to marry. Sophie asked the rabbi to solemnize the marriage. She also begged him to speak to her daughter who was vocally against the marriage.

The daughter was not very pleasant when David called her. "The man is a fortune hunter out to take mother for all she's worth. It's OK though, my mother's a slut and she'll do as she pleases in any case."

Needless to say, the

daughter did not attend the chuppah. Sophie and Mischa were healthy, active adults who were exceptionally lonely. They would help each other find some happiness. Yet, they could not escape a feeling of sadness at the daughter's rejection. The daughter, it was said, had been close to her father and never forgave her mother for letting him die.

Rabbi David started tracing the story of Mischa's abandoned wife. He called Marvin, and then, Boris. In fact, he was able to reconstruct the rumor's path through a chain of eight individuals. At the end he discovered that the rumor, unfounded as it turned out,

was started by Sophie's daughter. It was her desire to lay a foundation for contesting the validity of the marriage. There was no way that she was going to allow this stranger to inherit her father's money.

What a pathetic act. When Sophie and Mischa had decided to wed they signed a pre-nuptial agreement which assured the daughter of receiving the bulk of her mother's estate even if Sophie pre-deceased her second husband. When Sophie told her of this arrangement, well before the wedding, the daughter just didn't believe her. How could she trust her father's widow?

## YAACOV'S WORLD

## Save the Jewish Center!

By YAACOV LURIA

I've seen it happen in New York. Once the strip of the Bronx along the Woodlawn subway after it emerges from underground at



the Yankee Stadium was a chain of middle-class neighborhoods with synagogues, Jewish centers, Jewish bookstores, and well-kept apartment houses and private homes. Look out of the subway train windows today — if you can find a spot not obscured by graffiti — and you see miles of abandoned eyeless heaps of brick.

What happened? The young Jews went to college and never came back. The parents grew old. The neighborhoods ran down, the synagogues and the stores gave up, the Bronx — except for a few enclaves like Riverdale, Comop City and Pelham Parkway — became Apache City.

I see it coming to pass in beautiful San Diego. When Miriam and I came here three years ago, we were given our first and warmest welcome, at the college area Jewish Community Center. Housed in an attractive red-brick building erected in the late fifties, it had a large outdoor swimming pool, a Judaica store, a well-stocked library of Jewish literature, classrooms and an auditorium in which all sorts of marvellous things were going on for both the young and the old, a kosher lunch every weekday for senior citizens of any persuasion. It was refreshing to see a sprinkling of other ethnic and religious groups at a JCC.

It seemed as firm as Mount Rushmore. The neighborhood of neat private homes harbored Jews who had lived here for

years and years. Blumer's, a fine kosher-style deli-restaurant and bakery, was a few blocks north. A mile and a half east was San Diego State University, the largest in the California system, with a hefty percentage of Jewish students. And on the periphery of the

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## 'Betsy's Wedding' pleasant and amusing

By RABBI ELLIOT B. GERTEL

The summer brought a pleasant diversion in the form of *Betsy's Wedding*, a film written by, directed by, and starred in by Alan



Alda. It's a kind of *Father of the Bride* update, which tries to one-up the older, classic film with more bizarre characters and situations and even with more comical and frightening (simultaneously?) nightmare sequences for the poor dad who is worried about paying for the wedding. The result, by the way, is a basic TV situation comedy scenario, but a nice one, and, for the most part, a funny one.

Alda plays the father of the bride, an Italian construction worker who is constantly seeking the opportunity that will give him the title, "entrepreneur." A rather subdued Madeline Kahn plays his wife, his Jewish wife, a sincere liberal person who still misses Jewish soups after years of eating Italian, and misses the traditional breaking of the glass which was not done at her justice of the Peace-conducted wedding.

The Jewish-Italian angle, coupled with the situation comedy aspect of the film, opens the doors for all kinds of ethnic stereotyping. The only flattering stereotype is the portrayal of the Italian grandmother, warmly and amusingly done by Julie Bovasso. Downright disturbing is the portrayal of Alda's Jewish brother-in-law (by actor Joe Pesci) as an unscrupulous real estate developer who cheats on his wife (her acts of revenge are among the best scenes), who involves the mob in Alda's character's business (to the point that bullets fly), and who ignores the needs of his tenants (including the young couple to be married, his own niece and her fiancé), and is on trial for being a slumlord.

Betsy, affectingly played by Molly Ringwald, is a student of "design" who has

little talent or taste, but seems to be good-hearted enough. She is engaged to a pleasant enough fellow for a privileged WASP, whose parents are already conspiring to find ways to cover up some of her tasteless garb. Betsy is aware of her Italian-Jewish heritage, and of her mother's desire to see a broken glass at her wedding. Also, one of the most delightful aspects of the film is the romance that blossoms between a mobster's nephew, deftly played by Anthony Lapaglia, who is a somewhat out-of-step knight with an odd but engaging code of mores and etiquette, and Betsy's boyfriend-less,

Jews aspire to be crooked and all Italians aspire to escape it, but I do think that Alda has to consider the mix of images and the tired stereotypes that he has presented.

If there is one motif that persisted throughout the picture, it is, strangely, the issue of the broken glass at the wedding. At the beginning of the film Betsy's mother mentions how much she missed it at her justice of the Peace wedding in a "dingy" office. Betsy and her fiancé want no religious aspects to the ceremony, however, Betsy's Catholic grandmother is especially upset when she hears that

did not really recall the ceremony because she kept saying that Betsy must break the glass. At the ceremony, however, Betsy's new husband breaks it, and the judge manages to sneak in a brief mention of God, ostensibly to please the Italian side.

Does the film intend to state that for Jews religion is recollection of a destroyed temple while for Catholics it is reference to God? In the traditional Jewish wedding ceremony the breaking of the glass is an old custom found at the end. The ceremony itself consists largely of several blessings in which God is praised and invoked.

Does the film intend to show that Betsy's mother did not recall who steps on the glass? Or is there just an inconsistency in the script?

As it turns out, Betsy is married by a judge. Yet the viewer does not easily forget Betsy's mother's bad feelings about a "dingy" justice of the peace wedding with no

traditional Jewish religious symbols or foods. It is, however, advised by rabbis that an interfaith marriage should best be a civil ceremony in order not to give the impression of a Jewish wedding, as classical Judaism recognizes only the marriage of Jewish man and woman as a union sanctified by Jewish Law and tradition. "Jewish" symbols and ceremonies at an interfaith ceremony are a sham and a syncretism. If this film concludes with such an opulent "justice of the peace" ceremony anyway, why must it gratuitously suggest the "dinginess" of such a practice?

*Betsy's Wedding* is a pleasant and amusing film. That is its merit and its danger. Its pronounced "ethnic" aspects add spice, but also manufacture a disturbing matter-of-factness regarding ethnic stereotypes and the problems and concerns of interfaith marriages.

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## WITH THE CONGREGATIONS

### Pulpit changes

Rabbi Jerome Cohen has been elected to fill the pulpit of Congregation Adas Israel, Rone, N.Y. Named assistant rabbi of Ahavath Achim Synagogue, Atlanta, is Rabbi Stephen Weiss. The new spiritual leader of Temple Beth El, West Palm Beach is Rabbi Shlomo Levine. Rabbi Peretz Wolf-Prusan has become the fourth rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, San Francisco. Temple Israel, Alameda, Ca., has named Rabbi Patricia Karlin-Neumann to fill its pulpit.

### Sermon of the week

Is It Time To build the Holy Temple in Jerusalem? — Rabbi Moshe Maggal, Temple Emanu-El, Las Vegas

### Quotation of the week

I write this column having just returned from the 101st conference of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, which took place at the end of June in Seattle. June 25 was an historic date, indeed, for it was then that the CCAR voted overwhelmingly in favor of a report which states that all Jews — regardless of their sexual orientation — have a right to pursue the sacred vocation of the rabbinate. Of course, for us at Shir Tikvah, the report only affirms what we already know to be true, but it is nevertheless an affirmation well-worth celebrating.

The report received much media coverage, including a front page story in the New York Times, as well as coverage in many papers across the country. The decision is indeed a bold one. The CCAR is the first major clergy organization to endorse such a position. With hope, it will set the stage for other religious groups, Jewish and Christian, to make such a move as well.

The resolution itself can't convey the mood that pervaded the business meeting that day. Five hundred rabbis were present, and, yes, as was well-reported, there were rabbis

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tough cop sister, nicely portrayed by Ally Sheedy. The sister seems more aware of her Italian-Jewish heritage, and tells her suitor, "I'm half Jewish." In his remarkable loyalty he tells her that he will become half-Jewish, too.

Amidst all of the comedic turns and appropriate slapstick, there are not too many unifying motifs here except for the ethnic stereotypes. The leading Jewish male character, Betsy's uncle, is a slumlord. The show-stealing Italian male character, Joey Bishop as Betsy's deceased grandfather, is a pleasant fellow who changed his name because he was tired of Italians being associated with gangsters. I don't think that people will leave the theatre believing that all

Betsy does not want a priest because Betsy does not think she can find a priest who will refrain from mentioning God.

Betsy inquires about the broken glass and finds that it has many different interpretations (which is true). The judge who will perform the ceremony assures her that he will not use the classical interpretation (the "religious" association with the destruction of the Temple), but that he will explain it as the shattering of one's life and the beginning of a new life together. The explanation pleases Betsy and her fiancé even though the judge points out that her Jewish grandfather will know what the breaking of the glass really means. It seems that Betsy's mother

# *- Not a child prodigy anymore -*



by MARILYN ZEITLIN

On Aug. 15, the most gifted young American and Soviet musicians played together at the Hollywood Bowl including Joshua Bell who performed solo on his violin. This is the first time Bell has come to Southern California to play with musicians his own age.

Bell is only 22, and until his first appearance at the Bowl in 1986, he was still being called a child prodigy, performing with some of the finest orchestras around the world. Now, at the ripe old age of 22, he is being compared to violinists such as Itzhak Perlman and Jascha Heifetz, by New York music critics.



Bell and his bow were known to music audiences in Bloomington, Ind. for years, back when Bell was a very little boy. The child with the violin was studying with the best musicians at Indiana University and local newspapers were printing reviews of his concerts and news of his music awards. At the age of 13, he won first place in a young musicians' competition sponsored jointly by Seventeen Magazine and General Motors. It was about this time that Bell started making news in the national press.

A few days prior to Bell's latest Bowl performance, I talked with his mother and father during their visit here. Shirley Bell is still amused that music critics seem amazed that her son didn't come from Russia, wasn't the offspring of some great violinist, and didn't even study at Juilliard. "In fact," says Shirley, the comments were always amusing coming from some Eastern music snob. How could a boy growing up in Hoosier-farmland territory — "and who chose to stay there," be so good?!

Besides, Bell doesn't really look like what Central Casting would select for a young violinist. Tall, thin, with blond hair he continuously blows off his face, pale blue eyes, a shy manner, and a habit of blushing and shrugging when he is being complimented or when audiences shout, Bell does indeed appear more the Midwestern country boy.

When he was accepted at upstate New York's Meadowmount summer camp he was the second youngest student — "I had never been surrounded by so much talent," says the young violinist, who practiced long hours, alone, to prove himself. The music camp created by Ivan Galamian for string players, placed him in good company. Galamian's pupils had included Isaac Perlman, Pinchas Zuckerman and Young Uck Kim. "I was very, very shy" remembers Bell.

Even now, after signing recording contracts, playing with such orchestras as the Boston Pops, Philadelphia Orchestra, as well as performing with famous orchestras and conductors around the world, having his own home in Bloomington and a co-op in Manhattan and earning what the public thinks only movie stars and athletes earn, Bell is still the earnest, shy and likeable kid he always was. In fact, he tries to play down all the talk about him, especially when it is his parents who are doing the talking:

"Did you see the story about Joshua in New York Magazine? And Connoisseur just did a story about him...and Life Magazine is following him around the Soviet Union now." Bell, who had been performing in the Soviet Union before his latest Bowl appearance, will be the subject of a Life photographic story. Bell has been a sort of musical intermediary between the two powers, being one of the first to perform in a Soviet-American cultural exchange program created in 1988, partially sponsored by the Soviet Ministry of Culture.

Shirley and Alan Bell have always been the boy's biggest boosters. They laugh at psychologists' theories about the problematic middle child. Joshua is the son between two daughters, Toby, a law school student, and Rachel, who recently began college. Although Joshua has been the center of attention in his family, his parents are quick to point out the attributes and talents of the girls. "Toby is gorgeous; Rachel is a very talented writer" they boast. The parents admit that there have been bruised feelings — the girls have been left out while their parents followed their son on tour, and much of the discussion at home is about the male sibling. "But we are all aware of this," say the parents, "and we're working on it."

Both Shirley and Alan are family therapists at Indiana University. Both parents, together, have counseled couples through marital difficulties, and Alan is a specialist on homosexuality, as well as author of the book, *Homosexualities*.

In their 50's, both look younger than their years. Shirley is an energetic go-getter with an unusual excitement for life. She can't wait to tell you a new joke or bit of gossip, and in her enthusiasm, might interrupt her husband, finishing his sentence. Alan is blond with blue eyes (there's no doubt whom Joshua favors); Shirley has blue-black hair and dark eyes with olive skin. Alan dresses conservatively; Shirley wears bright tie dye colors. Alan used to be an Episcopal priest; Shirley a Zionist-Socialist.

Growing up in Detroit, Shirley, known as Sharona, belonged to Hashomer Hatzair, a Jewish youth movement promoted aliyah and training American teens to be good Israeli citizens. She recalls arguments among other shomrim about the necessity of musical training. There was a communal fund among the teens, and Shirley often found herself trying to convince some of the others that she needed her money for piano lessons. Shirley later moved to Israel and planned to stay there, closer to members of her mother's family. However, for personal reasons, she returned to the U.S. While she did not concentrate on a professional career as a pianist, she continued to practice, and when her children were born, to teach. She now manages her son's career, having given up her recent job as a school psychologist. Joshua showed "genetic" musical ability early on, agrees Shirley. Rather than complain about spending hours practicing, he loved the violin as much as he loved sports. He later won tennis competitions around the country. This is not unusual, according to music experts and coaches — there seems to be a connection between musical and athletic gifts.

When Bell performs next week, the West Coast mishpacha will be in the audience as they were each summer he played. Only this year, Bell might be able to greet his Soviet immigrant relative in their own native language. After all, a kid who can memorize a Tchaikovsky concert should have picked up a few phrases in Russian.

## Sheitels (wigs) mandatory? Washington's famous letter recalled

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

Halacha, Jewish law, is discussed in one issue of the *Algemeiner Journal*, an Orthodox weekly. Is it obligatory for women to wear



Rabbi J.J. Hecht

sheitlach (wigs)? Some letter-writers demurred, asserting that the custom is not rabbinically mandated. May a woman make a sheitel of her own hair? Is it required that the sheitel be made of silk? Rabbi Joshua Korff, of Brooklyn, assured readers of the paper that if a woman has her hair cut at marriage, the same hair is kosher for her sheitel.

In another dispute, there is a debate whether a frum household should have two refrigerators. One letter-writer, Aaron Veg, wonders why some rabbis have not discovered that in some slaughter houses cattle are subjected to an electric procedure after being killed which forces the blood back into the body of the animal, thus forcing people to violate the tabu about eating blood.

Another question: if a woman is married civilly and is then divorced, must she get a gett to remarry? The former chief Sephardic rabbi of Israel, Obadiah Joseph, according to the *Algemeiner Journal*, ruled that a gett is not required.

### Klutznick to Spitzer

Changing of the Guard: the new chairman of the Board of the Memorial foundation for Jewish Culture which has transmitted \$42 million of reparations money from West Germany to various cultural and educational Jewish enterprises, is Jack Spitzer, of Seattle, former B'nai Brith president. At the 25th anniversary

celebration of the Foundation in Jerusalem Spitzer received the gavel from Philip Klutznick, who also once headed the B'nai Brith. The board is ecumenically Jewish, including such notables as Simcha Dinitz, Conservative Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, Reform Rabbi Alexander Schindler, Orthodox Scholar Ephraim Urbach (of Israel), Orthodox Rabbi Israel Miller.

Much of American Orthodoxy was plunged into grief over the sudden death of Rabbi Jacob Judah Hecht, 66, who was fatally smitten in Camp Enunah in Ellenville, N.Y. Spiritual leader of a Brooklyn synagogue in the Flatbush area, Hecht was one of the most devoted followers of the Lubavitcher rebbe, whose Yiddish talks at the "Farbrengens" at 770 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, he would regularly translate into English for the benefit of worldwide radio and T.V. audiences.

A fiery orator, he conducted a weekly radio program of his own on WEVD and zealously sought to bring young people who had left the faith back to Judaism. Just before his death he had gotten the acceptance of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir to be his guest at an anniversary celebration of his program. He founded Camp Emunah, several schools and National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education, described by the *Algemeiner Journal*, as a Lubavitch outreach organization.

One of five rabbinical brothers, Hecht and his wife, Chavah, were the parents of 12 children, most of whom are rabbis or are married to rabbis. His death evoked expressions of sympathy from most New York officials, from Gov. Cuomo down. In the *Algemeiner Journal*, Editor Gershon Jacobson devotes his weekly column to a eulogy of Hecht, and one issue of the paper contains five full pages of paid condolences.

By RABBI MAURICE DAVIS

Before I get started on the column.....

King Hussein of Jordan has found himself between Iraq and a hard place!



Now that I have gotten that off my chest.....

We have just had a weekend we shall never forget.

On August 17, 1790, President George Washington wrote his famous letter "To The Hebrew Congregation in Newport, Rhode Island," in which he reaffirmed that

*"Happily the government of the United States which gives to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance, requires only that they who live under its protection, should demean themselves as good citizens, in giving it on all occasions their effectual support."*

August 17-19, 1990 was the 200th anniversary of that letter, and the Society of Friends of Touro Synagogue, together with Congregation Jeshuat Israel and the Touro National Trust planned and executed a remarkable weekend of events.

It began with Shabbat Services on Friday night and Saturday morning, all of which were imbued with a sense of holiday excitement and anticipation.

On Saturday afternoon George Washington (the actor William Sommerfield) arrived in Newport in full costume, accompanied by members of his Cabinet, and a colonial band, paraded to Colony House to be greeted by city and state officials. After a brief address, he then journeyed to the Touro Synagogue to be greeted by Rabbi Chaim Shapiro, and synagogue president (and official Temple Historian), Bernard Kuznitz.

That evening we gathered in the Marble House, one of those unbelievable mansions which the ultra rich called their "cottages." This one, for example, built in 1892 for William K. Vanderbilt, has

530,000 cubic feet of marble.

The event was entitled, *An Evening With the President*, with President Washington, his staff, and Cabinet members, as well as liveried servants all dressed in 18th century costumes. After the receiving line in which we welcomed the President to Newport, there followed an evening with Theodore Bikel, and Robert Olson who acted out an 18th century magician.

There was something about sitting in that palace, sipping champagne, along with cream cheese and lox, while Theodore Bikel sang Yeshuhalayim Shell Zahav, that almost blew my mind.

How far removed this evening was from the kind of social gatherings with which the Vanderbilts entertained their guests at Marble House!

On Sunday a profoundly important discussion on religious freedom took place, with Edd Doer, Samuel Rabinov, Robert Allee, and Ed Asner.

And then, that afternoon, the reading of the letter!

First, of course, a program. A minister invoked, the Newport Artillery Company presented the Colors, the U.S. Navy Band played the National Anthem, and the Pledge

of Allegiance was sung.

There followed greetings and proclamations, and then Joshua Seixas Fausty, the teenage descendant of Moses Seixas, read the letter which his ancestor had presented to George Washington.

Finally it was time. Ed Asner read the Washington letter. I knew it by heart, and had loved it since childhood, but that day and in that setting it brought tears to my eyes. It was a promise for the future, which has not yet been realized. But the promise remains.

*...it is now no more that toleration is spoken of, as if it was by the indulgence of one class of people that another enjoyed the exercise of their inherent natural rights. For happily the government of the....."*

By the way, President Bush had been asked to read the letter and to share our celebration, but the events of the Middle East no doubt kept him busy at Kennebunkport. Strange to say, he managed to come to Rhode Island the very next day.

But that was to raise money for the GOP.

Anyway.....the letter was read.

And more important, the letter was written.

### Quotation of the week

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who spoke to both sides of the issue. But it was quite an exciting sight to see a long line at the "pro" microphone, and only a scant few at the "con" microphone. As one of the rabbis who spoke against the report suggested, it was apparent that he was "swimming against the tide." When finally put to a vote, the voice vote affirming the report was overwhelming, and nothing could describe the long, sustained applause that immediately followed.

I do believe that our little congregation made a difference in the ultimate outcome of the vote. For it is one thing to make motions and resolutions, and it is quite a different matter to live up to them. The CCAR has affirmed the validity of gay and lesbian rabbis, and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC — the lay organization of the Reform Movement) has affirmed the rights of gay and lesbian congregants. Shir Tikvah is committed to living up to these ideals. As we enter our third year together, we pledge ourselves to honor each other in all of our diversity, to take pride in our synagogue as it grows, gay and straight together, committed to living according to our mutual Jewish ideals. — Rabbi Stacy Offer

### Israel will fight; Shamir to Hussein

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Shamir took to TV to tell Israelis that Israel is determined to remain out of the Middle East conflict that is upsetting the world but that if Israel were hurt,

we must react. He saw the confrontation soon reaching its climax and no solution possible since it was highly unlikely that Saddam Hussein's demands could be fulfilled.

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## ISRAEL: AS I SEE IT

### Israel coping with flood of 'olim'

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

Despite the serious threat to Israel's security resulting from the sudden eruption of a volcano in the form of Iraq dictator Sad-



dam Hussein, with streams of hot lava flowing in all directions through the Middle East and the likelihood of its reaching our borders, Heaven forbid, nevertheless Israel is coping with the ever increasing flow of olim from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. The numbers run as high as a thousand a day and the immediate crush is the matter of housing. The short term arrangement involves the renting of thousands of flats throughout the country, the use of absorption centers to the limit, temporary use of army barracks, and some hotel rooms.

As the pressure mounts, even transport becomes a difficult problem. El Al is bursting at the seams in handling the increased summer tourist traffic while shuttling back and forth to bring in new olim. El Al's reputation for following an on-time schedule is suffering from the increased burden, but delayed passengers understand the reason and are appreciative of El Al's critical undertaking.

Processing new olim has been streamlined considerably, and is performed away from the airport to permit the new olim an opportunity to settle down somewhat.

Apart from the temporary housing being provided to new olim, which is already reaching a near saturation point, a comprehensive program involving both short term and long term planning is in the making. The special commission including Absorption, Housing, Interior and Finance ministers meets regularly and with Cabinet approval has prepared a workable program which is already partially being implemented. Despite the sharp controversy between Housing

Minister Arik Sharon, who advocated the import of 90,000 prefabs and mobile homes over a two year period, as against 15,000 homes of which 3,000 would be imported by the Government and 12,000 built by the private sector, proposed by Finance Minister Yitzhak Modai, a compromise was reached by the Cabinet. Some 9,000 prefabricated homes will be imported as well as 5,000 mobile homes (caravans). In addition, land will be provided for the private sector to import another 6,000 prefabs. Construction of at least 15,000 new homes is contemplated each year for the next four years in the private sector.

shekels."

On the matter of prefabs, the Histadrut objected strongly to their import, declaring that there are 11 companies, now inactive who could produce the prefabs locally. Further, their import would hurt the construction industry both in the short and long term. In another vein, the Government was criticized for neglecting the Ethiopian families still in the absorption centers for a number of years now. Also young couples and army veterans have rights in new housing which must be considered. In addition some 1,800 families are now living in tents throughout Israel because

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This accepted program is to cost close to one billion shekolim (about \$500 million). A 2.5 billion shekel supplementary aliyah budget had just been adopted calling for sacrifices by the majority of the population. The big question posed immediately by the Finance Ministry was, "where is this money coming from?" Governor of the Banks of Israel professor Michael Bruno as well as State Budget Director David Boaz criticized the lack of an overall program taking into account employment opportunities by developing greater production and exports, watching our balance of payments and effecting growth in the economy, thus enabling it to absorb new olim, and to reduce unemployment to a tolerable level. They both considered the use of caravans-mobile homes "... a total waste of millions of

rentals have been doubled and tripled, forcing them out. They are now receiving the same allowance as are given new olim, but their housing problem requires urgent attention.

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In order to provide housing solutions on all fronts, the first housing will go to the 900 Ethiopian families

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## POSTMARK ISRAEL

### No combat for women soldiers

Where is the woman's place? (That question used to be asked in Zahal, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) when girls were first conscripted for service. The public relations people had the ideal answer — and posters advertising tourism to Israel soon blossomed out with pictures of beautiful young Israeli girls, in army uniform, nonchalantly grasping Uzi submachine guns, at the ready. An image was created.

While it is true that women in Zahal are taught to use combat weapons, as a matter of self defense, they are not permitted to see combat service on an active front. It is against the law.

Yet almost 300 IDF occupations are open to women as well as to men, and in many niches they serve with a degree of competence as good as or surpassing that of their male counterparts. They are not all clerks. They serve also as mechanics, drivers, instructors in maintenance and firing of weapons, and in communications, among other areas. They manage most of the sophisticated computer operations in every branch of the service, including infantry, artillery, armored corps, engineers, air force, etc.

There is one field in which you will not find women. They do not serve as cooks.

IDF authorities admit that there is no physiological reason why a woman cannot be a sharpshooter, a parachutist or a pilot of a plane, for example, but several reasons are advanced for the limitations. For one thing, there is an adequate supply of males for these jobs, and there is therefore no reason to change the norms. Furthermore, the women themselves have not pressed for their "rights" to do such service. But the major reason is economic. There are military occupations which require years of training, and at great expense. Since women are relieved of reserve duty after the age of 24, or after they are married, it makes no sense to invest the time and cost in training for what will be a very short period of service.

Israel has a law of Equal Rights for Women, which forbids any discrimination against them because of their sex, but his is tempered by a 1954 Employment of Women Law, the purpose of which is not to assure them of equal opportunity, but to protect them against equal treatment. This law prohibits women from holding down night jobs except by permission and in special circumstances, as in hospitals, newspapers, etc., and bars them from work which would be detrimental to their health.

No one has challenged the IDF policy, and women seem

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## SOCIAL CALENDAR

By Jean Herschaft

It's a beautiful baby sabra named Leya, weighing less than 7 lbs., born in Tel Aviv to Jamie and Avi Amirum, the first grandchild of Seymour Reich (Presidents Conference chairman) and wife Helyn. The proud dad is a lawyer in Israel. The elated granddad Reich saw the infant in July, a week after her birth, this column learned. Mazel Tov!

Susan Alter, council woman from Brooklyn, ranks at the top of the list of council members who have investments and property holdings that can be valued at \$1 million or more. Last year Ms. Alter reported investments valued at \$615,000 to \$3,299,990, according to a study released by the New York Public Research Group. She is the wife of Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, of Long Island, a past president of the Synagogue Council of America.

Ruth Sara Feldstein and Dr. Asa Joel Nixon were married this month at the Harrison (New York) Jewish Center by Rabbi Benjamin Mintz, an uncle of the bride. The 25-year-old bride is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald Feldstein of Teaneck, N.J. her father is the associate executive vice president of the Council of Jewish Federations in New York. He was a past executive director of the American Jewish committee. The bride is a doctoral candidate in history at Brown U. Dr. Nixon, 27, is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Nixon of Miami beach. He is a resident in radiation oncology at the Joint Center for Radiation Therapy at Harvard U. He received M.D. degree from New York U.

Rabbi Daniel Fogel tied the marital knot for Roger Aaron Barrer, the president of Alexander's department stores in New York, and Diane Sebesin-Tepper at the United Nations Hotel in New York.

Rabbi Howard S. Herman, 38, of the Farmington Valley Jewish Center in Simsbury, Conn., married Mona E. Kushner Last 37, an attorney, at the rabbi's congregation. Cantor Susan L. Levine performed the ceremony. Rabbi Herman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Herman of Bridgeport, Conn. He graduated from Bradley U. and the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

Yiddish will be alive and bristling this theater season close to Broadway pathways aglow with starlight. October will welcome three sure winners: "Yiddle With a Fiddle," has the same talented giant of composition, Abraham Ellstein, who also wrote the music for the hit classic film that starred Molly Picon, on which the musical is based. Oct. 24 is premiere night at Town Hall; the famous Folksbiene Theater Group, presents "Father's Inheritance," a new Yiddish musical comedy based on "The Charlatan" by Jacob Gordin, which opens at the Folksbiene Playhouse, Oct. 20; and on Oct. 23, at the Edison Theatre on Broadway, "Those Were the Days," a new English-Yiddish musical revue opens with a cast headed by Bruce Adler, Mina Bern, Eleanor Reissa, Robert Abelson and Lori Wilner. Zalmen Mlotek and Moshe Rosenfeld conceived the dream show. They were the authors of the English-Yiddish musicals "The Golden Land," and "On Second Avenue," that played to "standing-room-only" several seasons ago.

The Simon Wiesenthal New Leadership Society opens the season with an overview on contemporary history "Reunification: Will History Repeat Itself?" Max Lerner, syndicated columnist; Leopold Bell von Bredow, Consul General, Federal Republic of Germany; Dr. Paul Lins, second secretary, Embassy of the German Democratic Republic and Clara Feldman, a Holocaust survivor, educator and volunteer speaker of the Wiesenthal Center's educational outreach, will address the burning issue, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 7p.m. Marriott Marquis Hotel.

Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, Chancellor of Bar Ilan U., has written the foreword to "Dear Leah... Our Love Story," a memorial tribute by Philip Hochstein, Newhouse editorial genius and former publisher of The Jewish Week, to his late wife Leah Hochstein, who passed on several short months ago. The poignantly produced soft covered book contains photographs and snatches of the adventures, happiness and sorrows that the Hochstein family shared with Leah, the beautiful wife, mother and grandmother at the side of her journalist husband and his loving guide. Leah too was part of his journalistic career.

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## JEWES BY CHOICE

### What has UAHC done for us lately?

By MARY HOFMANN

"What has the UAHC done for us lately?" is a phrase I've heard again and again over the years. Most of us know that we have the



services of a student rabbi because the Union of American Hebrew Congregations exists. Most of us have met Rabbi Morrie Hershman, the UAHC director of the Northwest California Region, at some time over the 14-some years we've been affiliated. Some of us have attend Biennials or one of the Small Congregation Conferences the UAHC has sponsored. But most of us don't really understand what, if anything, the UAHC does to help us and to warrant the dues we have to pay to them every year. Now I know. I suspect the problem is merely that we have never asked!

As the new religious school coordinator, I decided to write to the UAHC Education Department in New York to see if they had any suggestions for curriculum. I mailed the note on a Saturday. Early the following Tuesday morning as I was unceremoniously cleaning up after my kids, with my mind on things profane rather than sacred, the phone rang, disturbing my wrathful thoughts. It was Rabbi Howard Bogot, UAHC National Director for Education, calling from New York to see how he could help. Wow! I was rendered nearly speechless with awe.

Did he have any suggestions? Well, this brilliant, enthusiastic, funny, warm human being not only had suggestions, he had a 273-page curriculum (which he sent Federal Express that he designed specifically for small religious schools. The only trouble with it, he said, is that he really needed to give us a workshop on what it all was and how to implement it.

A workshop? The head of the whole education department for the whole

UAHC wanted to give us a workshop? My mind swirled as I tried unsuccessfully to work out possible logistics.

"Can you find a speaker phone?" the rabbi suggested, in response to my floundering silence.

"Sure, I responded optimistically, neither sure if I could find one or altogether certain what one was.

"Excellent!" he continued. "Then call all your teachers, figure out a time you can gather 'round the speaker phone, and Uncle Howie here will call and we'll have a long distance workshop!"

How much (gulp!) I wondered, would this cost?

and spent a remarkable hour and a half communing with this extraordinary man. The conversation, and his 2-inch-plus packet of papers filled with philosophy, terminology, lesson plans, and ideas, not only reinvigorated us as teachers, but may have revolutionized the way we teach our kids.

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Rabbi Bogot chuckled "Cost? What cost? It's all part of belonging to the UAHC!"

So, on the next Wednesday, Aug. 8, Carol Davis, Linda Reed, Mary Schilling, Ardene Shaeffer, Ruth Fromson and I huddled around Ardene's speaker phone in my living room in front of the air conditioner

virtually dropped everything else they were doing and gave us all they had to give. The pebble I tossed when I sent Rabbi Bogot that quick little plea for advice has already resulted in wonderful ripples that will continue spreading out in many ways for many years to come.

### Centers to pay taxes on fitness clubs

WASHINGTON — Jewish Community Centers which provide health clubs and facilities in competition with the industry as a whole may be forced to pay taxes. Already the Pitts-

burgh JCC and the Cleveland JCC are paying \$25,000 and \$13,000 in taxes respectively, not only on their health club but on their cafeteria and gift shops as well.



## Psychic dating — mystical experience

By ARLENE G. PECK

I've found the answer to safe sex! I mean really safe sex. I've long been a believer that attitude is everything and the true sexual organ is



the brain. Those that have mastered that concept become adept at projecting themselves into, or in some cases, out of a relationship.

Frankly, it wasn't until I went to see the new Spielberg movie, "Ghost" the idea took form of how much of our daily existence is mystical experience. Think about it. How many of you have been the recipient of or have removed yourself from a relationship mentally? Long before the physical body left, they were...gone! Isn't that the whole point of sexual fantasy? An ultimate out-of-body experience. A mind visualization of either yourself or another person as being in that time and place with you.

Is it attitude or psychic phenomenon when you project good thoughts so that you won't get bad vibes from the new significant in your life? Funny how you can be waiting for a call all day and the minute you leave, it rings. And, what about the "Big Lie?" I think it probably developed when the husband was caught cheating on his wife and couldn't think of an acceptable excuse. So, instead of deny, deny, deny, he answered with, "But honey, you've got me all wrong. I never laid a hand on her. My spirit was far, far away... with you."

I remember the first time that I really became aware of the effects of psychic happenings in relation to our day-to-day life. It was sometime during the late 1970's. I had been chairing a discussion group at the maximum security prison, the Atlanta Penitentiary each Wednesday. One week, I brought a well-known psychic into the institution and the topic turned to out-of-body experiences. Only one or two within the group had actually experienced it. But,

without fail, each and everyone of my inmates loved the idea. It was the perfect alibi... "Judge, I didn't do it. The crime may have been committed in the bank, but I was over there... far, far, away."

Now, I have a theory as to how these mystical experiences first began. I believe it starts when the male of the species are little boys. It seems that they have a tendency to never hear their mothers when they are calling them. The kid can be two feet away watching television and completely oblivious to their mother trying to get them to the dinner table while the food

ting up the energy for their thoughts? They placed drawings of their guides into the next world for protection. And, even the Mayas and the Incas sacrificed people to travel with them into the next world so that they would have company. It might be a bit drastic but, actually, there are a few that I would like to sacrifice. But, not to keep me company on the journey. I think though that ex-husbands would be high on the list.

Think about it! The possibilities are endless. Probably the best out-of-body experience that I can think of was Mary and the immacu-

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is hot. Later, the situation just changes to their wives or girlfriends trying to lure them away from the golf or football game.

Then, the riddle of the Sphinx comes into play. Heavy concentration? Naw, I think not. Definitely psychic phenomenon. Ever notice how many men consider themselves fathers but are rarely around their children? Another point to ponder is how they can rarely be there in body and leave the raising to the wife. But, the kids remember all the places that "daddy" took them. Funny how that works.

The traveling spirit is a very old theory. Did you know that even the ancient Egyptians believed in set-

late conception. At least it always seemed to work for her. I'm not so sure that the same held true for some of these Alabama girls who tried to convince their daddies that it was the little green men from outer space who made them pregnant.

I'm not so sure about crystals and herbs. I suppose that it depends on what part of the body that the crystal is rubbed on in relation to the energy that they might get. Of course, if done right I suppose that it's possible to get good vibes and a wonderful aura. If done right, that is. And, when all else fails you can dial the 1-900 number for a mystical experience!



## TASTE OF TRADITION

By Mildred L. Covert and Sylvia P. Gerson

### Cookouts

The end of the summer — those dog days of August when the temperature registers in the 90s and the humidity tells you it's too hot to cook, but your appetite insists it's not too hot to eat. This is when it is time to move the meals off the kitchen stove and onto the outdoor grill. In other words: "Let's Barbecue!"

Cooking over an open fire is the oldest and most primitive of all cooking techniques. No one knows for certain how it all began, but it is easy to assume that the first outdoor meal was consumed amidst a setting of transcendent simplicity when Eve offered Adam a bite of her apple. The menu expanded when prehistoric man slew his mastodon, brought it to his cave and there charred it over an open fire, sharing his bounty with his fellow Neanderthals. Contemporary man goes to the market for meat, poultry, and fish to cook on his backyard gas-fired grill, with all the specialized paraphernalia.

The results remain the same — family and friends standing around, sniffing the aroma, offering cooking advice and impatiently waiting for the food to cook and their appetites to be sated.

The outdoor season is just about over. Take one last fling before the formality and traditions of the holidays set in. Your meals can be as versatile as any cooked and eaten indoors. We offer you some of our end-of-the-summer cookout favorites.

#### Chicken Breast Kebab

- 1 to 1 1/2 cups marinade sauce
- 1 1/2 to 2 pounds chicken breasts, cubed
- 12 wedges fresh pineapple
- 2 onions, cut into large pieces
- 12 whole fresh mushrooms
- salt and pepper to taste

Using your favorite marinade sauce, allow the chicken breasts and mushrooms to marinate in the refrigerator for about two hours. Remove from sauce and reserve liquid for basting. On 4 skewers, alternate the chicken with the pineapple, onions and mushrooms. Grill on a moderate fire, turning as necessary, and basting often, until chicken is done. Yields: 4 servings.

#### Grilled Vegetable Kebabs

- 12 fresh large mushrooms
- 2 small zucchini, cut into 1-inch bias-sliced pieces
- 3 tablespoons Italian salad dressing
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 12 cherry tomatoes

Pour some boiling water over mushrooms in a bowl. Let stand 1 minute; drain. On four skewers alternately thread mushrooms and zucchini. Combine Italian salad dressing, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, and salt. Grill kebabs over medium coals about 12 minutes, turning and brushing often with salad dressing mixture. Thread cherry tomatoes on ends of skewers; grill 5 to 8 minutes more or until heated through, turning and brushing often with salad dressing mixture. Yields: 4 servings

#### Garlic Bread

To complete your barbecue, serve hot garlic bread.

- 1 loaf French bread
- 1 stick pareve margarine, softened
- 2 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed parsley or oregano

Cut bread in diagonal slices, about 1 1/2 to 2 inches thick, but not all the way through the bottom. Combine softened margarine, garlic and parsley or oregano. Spread mixture on each slice. Wrap loaf in aluminum foil and heat over grill for a few minutes until hot. Remove foil, break off chunks and serve while warm.

Kosher Klues: Long-handled tongs or a spatula are best for turning meat, rather than a fork. You will lose less juice by not piercing the meat. Avoid using a fire that is too small and/or too cold. For proper temperature, allow at least 20 minutes for coals to get hot.

## '89 U.S. Jewish numbers stable

NEW YORK — Hardly any changes of significance were reported in this year's Jewish population estimates of the American Jewish Committee Year Book. The overall U.S. Jewish population was practically static at 5,941,000, representing 2.5% of the U.S. population. Several cities showed some changes, such as a drop of 12,000 for Miami where the Jews were moving north to the Palm Beach area and Dallas, Tx., where a loss of 10,000 was reported.

A caution was expressed to the effect that the figures are those reported by federations, plus that changes may reflect several years but are reported in one year.

By states, New York continued to lead at 1,844,000, followed by California, 909,000, Florida, 585,300, New Jersey 411,000 and Pennsylvania 345,800.

It was pointed out that the influx of Russian Jews was not represented in the current estimates, but will be reflected in the 1990 figures next year.

## True partnership

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tourism.

Some years ago we advocated in an editorial developing a roster of those Americans who when and if hostilities erupted would be willing to volunteer their services and could be rushed to Israel. Had that roster been established, it would have been ready in any emergency.

It should be recalled that in 1948 many American Jews fought for Israel — one Col. Mickey Marcus is enshrined in Israel history, as others also.

This is the time for responsible interchanges between Israel and the diaspora, not for pep talks and not for glossing over what the situation really is. The diaspora, as the past has shown, will rush to Israel's side, and with that understanding then Israeli officials can resist the urge to either underplay or exaggerate and take the diaspora into its confidence. That is true partnership.

On the other hand diaspora leadership should not be sitting on its hands. Waiting for developments is not a sign of leadership. Preparing for them is.

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dressed and stamped cards to them as they leave the synagogue.

Some synagogue leaders may be concerned over the impact of a free service on High Holiday ticket sales. Experience has clearly shown that the vast majority of those attracted to the free beginner's service represent a totally different target group who

were attracted by the nature of the program rather than the price of the ticket. It is highly unlikely that those attracted would have considered obtaining a seat at the regular service regardless of the cost. Programs of this type which attract new participants in synagogue activities help strengthen the membership base and the Jewish community.



## Russian Jews flow upping is urged

JERUSALEM — Although Russian Jews are reaching Israel at the rate of 10-15,000 a month, two former prisoners of Zion, Yosef Mendelevich and Ida Nudel have told Simcha Dinitz that the aliya rate could be doubled. The Jewish Agency chairman was told that some million Jews are in the various stages of aliyah and even at the rate of 20,000 a month it would take about five years for them to reach Israel.

## No prisoner beards ruling is upheld

SAN FRANCISCO — Two bearded Orthodox Jewish prisoners in the Arizona Department of Corrections will not get the opportunity of growing back their beards as the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled against them. The judges agreed with the former supervisor of Arizona prisons that the no-beard policy aided in identification of prisoners. Kenneth Andrew Friedman, 32, is serving a 15-year sentence for sexual assault and Arnold Naftiel a 25-year sentence for assault and kidnapping.

## Luria

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SDSU campus were two orthodox synagogues, Beth Jacob and the flagship Chabad House in the San Diego area.

What's happening as I write this?

The College Area JCC is in imminent danger of being shut down. Why? The neighborhood is fresh out of young Jews, although the influx of Russian Jews could turn it into Brighton Beach West yet — with the help of a hottier whose name it bears. A more posh Jewish center rose in the fashionable La Jolla area recently. As a writer for the San Diego Union put it, "The gleaming new center made the College Branch appear as the thin older father and the La Jolla facility as the athletic son."

The College Area JCC ran into a deficit of \$55,000 last year. That, it seems to me, should challenge the people in charge to find new ways to attract members and raise

more money. Instead they have thrown up their hands. They seem intent on abandoning the building and maybe relocating modestly elsewhere. Or, they say, they will transport people from the area by van to La Jolla, a good hour away on wheels.

The closing of the center is much more than a Jewish concern. It could be the decisive act to push this still viable neighborhood into a downward slide from which it could not recover. Jews and gentiles would be forced out together. Without neighborhoods in which people feel a sense of community, a city becomes a conglomeration of emptied buildings intersected by a criss-cross of highways.

"Relocation elsewhere" is an evasive euphemism for "end." I hope that ways will be found — and with a will they will be — to keep the College Area JCC alive — and thriving.

## Krupnick

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in the absorption centers. Simultaneously young couples, army veterans and tent dwellers will share appropriate housing with new olim the moment it becomes available. One of Israel's basic problems in housing is the lack of sufficient rental housing. Contractors refuse to build housing for rental, preferring to sell housing from the blue print with payment as construction progresses.

Adequate financing for rental housing is simply not available in Israel. Hence

the few apartments on the rentals have skyrocketed. A rent freeze has been urged at once to avoid this unfair practice.

The mortgage arrangements here are very costly because of the linkage to a cost of living index that approximates some 20% per annum. An intensive review is in order so housing will be within the reach of everyone here and for those olim who join us so that high quality of life may become a reality in Israel.

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to be satisfied with the useful roles they are given. One observer has noted, however, that when an IDF officer holds a meeting in his office, it is usually a woman, and rarely a man, who serves the tea and coffee. — C.A.

Editor's note: On our last visit to Israel we were taken to a Negev army encampment where Israeli women manned a team which engaged in a mock fight, destroying a tank, immobile however, some 300 yards distant. We learned that the women trained recruits in tank warfare. No combat for women soldiers.

## Social calendar

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The book was penned for family, friends and those that attended the last rites for Leah Hochstein and those that cared to send notes of condolence, Philip Hochstein movingly explains.

As one who knew Leah, knew her close-knit family, joined in the celebrations and wept at its sorrow, we will give the book a treasured place in our home.

## MYSTERY PERSON

### Do you know who's who?

The Mystery Person is on the board of directors of the N.Y. Shakespeare Festival.

The Mystery Person is a past vice-chairman of the National Hemophilia Foundation.

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